









THE
FIRST AND SECOND
parts of King Edward the fourth.

Containing his merry pastime with the Tanner of Tamworth, as also his loue to faire
Mistris Shoare, her great promotion, fall,
and misery, and lastly, the lamentable death
of both her and her husband.

Enter King Edward, the Dukes of Yorke, the Queene, the Lord Howard, and sir Thomas Sellenger.

Dutches.

Sonne, I tell ye you haue done you know not what.
King. I haue married a woman, else I am deceiued mother.

Dutch. Married a woman? married indeed,
Here is a marriage that befits a King:
It is no maruell it was done in hast:
Here is a Bridall, and with hell to boot,
You haue made work.

King. Faith mother, some wee haue indeed, but ere long, you
shall see vs make worke for an heire Apparant I doubte not,
nay, nay, come, come, Gods will, what chiding still?

Dutch. O God, that ere I liu'd to see this day.

King. By my faith mother, I hope you shall see the night too,
and in the morning I will be bold to bid you to the Christning,
Grandmother, and Godmother to a Prince of Wales, tut mother,
'tis a stirring world.

Dutch. Haue you sent *Warwicke* into France for this?

A 2

King.

The first part of

King. No by my faith mother, I sent *Warwicke* into *France* for another, but this by chance being neerer hand, and comming in the way, I cannot tell how, wee concluded, and now (as you see) are going about to get a yongue King.

Dutch. But tell me son, how will you answer this ?
Is't possible, your rash vnlawfull act
Should not breed mortall hate betwixt the Realmes ?
What may the French King think, when he shall hear
That whilst you send to entreat about his daughter,
Bafely you take a subiect of your owne ?
What may the Princeesse *Bona* think of this ?
Our noble Cousin *Warwicke*, that great Lord,
That Centre-shaking thunderclap of war,
That like a Columne propt the House of *Yorke*,
And bare our white Rose brauely in his top,
When he shall hear his embassage abus'd,
In this but made an instrument by you ?
I know his soule will blush within his bosome,
And shame will sit in scarlet on his brow,
To haue his honour toucht with this foule blemish.
Son, son, I tell you that is done by you,
Which yet the child that is vnborne shall rue.

King. Tush mother, you are deceiued ; all true subiects shall haue cause to thanke God, to haue their King borne of a true English woman : I tell you, it was neuer well since wee matched with strangers, so our children haue beene still like chicken of the halfe kinde, but where the cock and the henne bee both of one breed, there is like to be birds of the game : heare you mother, heare you, had I gone to it by fortune, I had made your sonnes, *George* and *Dicke*, to haue stood gaping after the Crowne: this wench mother is a widow, and hath made prooffe of her valour, and for any thing I know, I am as like to doe the deede as *Iohn Gray* her husband was ; I had rather the people prayed to blesse mine heire, than send mee an heire : hold your peace, if you can see, there was neuer mother had a towardes sonne, why Cousin *Howard* and *Tom*
Sel-

King Edward the fourth.

Sellenger, heard you euer such a coile about a wife?

How. My Soueraigne Lord, with patience bear her spleen,
Your Princely mothers zeale is like a riuer,
That from the free aboundance of the waters,
Breaks out into this inundation:
From her abundant care this rage proceeds,
O're swolne with the extremitie of loue.

Sel. My Lord, my Lord, auoid a womans humour:
If you resist this tumor of her will,
Here you shall haue her dwell vpon this passion,
Vntill she lade and dull our eares again:
Seem you but sorry for what you haue done,
And straight sheel put the finger in the eye,
With comfort now, since it cannot be helpt:
But make you shew to iustifie the act,
If euer other language in her lips,
Then out vpon it, it is abominable; I dare be hang'd.
Say any thing, it makes no matter what,
Than thus be wearied with a womans chat.

Dutch. I, I, you are these spaniels of the Court,
And thus you fawne and sooth your wanton King:
But *Edward*, hadst thou priz'd thy Maiesty,
Thou neuer wouldst haue stain'd thy Princely state,
With the base leauings of a subiects bed,
Nor borne the blemish of her bigamy.
A widow ? is't not a goodly thing,

Graves children come aske blessing of the King ?

Qu. Nay, I beseech your Grace my Lady York,
Euen as you are a Princesse and a widow,
Think not so meanly of my widowhood:
A spotlesse virgin came I first to *Gray*,
With him I liu'd a true and faithfull wife,
And since his high Emperiall Maiesty,
Hath pleas'd to blesse my poor deiected state,
With the high Soueraignetitle of his Queen,
I here protest before the host of Heauen

The first part of

I came as chaste a widow to his bed,
As when a virgin I to *Gray* was wed.

King. Come, come haue done, now you haue chid inough,
Gods foote, wee were as merry ere shee came, as any people
in Christendome, I with the mistris, and these with the maids,
onely we haue no Fidlers at our feast; but mother, you haue
made a fit of mirth: welcome to *Grafton* mother, by my
troth, you are euen iust come as I wished you heere, let vs goe
to supper, and in charity, giue vs your blessing ere wee goe to
bed.

Dutch. O *Edward, Edward*, fly and leaue this place,
Wherein poor silly King thou art enchanted:
This is her dam of *Bedfords* work her mother,
That hath bewitcht thee *Edward*, my poor child.
Dishonour not the Princes of thy land,
To make them kneele with reuerence at her feet,
That ere thou didst empale with Soueraignty,
They would haue scorned to haue lookt vpon:
There's no such difference twixt the greatest Peer,
And the poor silliest kitchen-maid that liues,
As is betwixt thy worthinesse and hers.

Qu. I do confesse it: yet my Lady *Yorke*,
My mother is a Dutchesse as you are,
A Princesse borne, the Duke of *Bedfords* wife,
And as you know, a daughter and a sister,
Vnto the roiall blood of Burgundy:
But you cannot so basely think of me,
As I do think of these vaine worldly titles,
God from my soule my sin as far diuide,
As I am far from boasting in this pride.

Sel. Madame, she is the wirror of her kind:
Had she but so much spleen as hath a gnat,
Her spirits would startle to abide your taunts,
She is a Saint, and Madame you blaspheme,
To wrong so sweet a Lady.

Dutch. Thou art a minion and a flatterer.

Sel.

King Edward the fourth.

Sel. Madame, but that you are my Soueraignes mother,
I would let you know that you wrong a Gentleman.

How. Good Cousin *Sellenger* haue patience,
Her Graces rage by too much violence,
Hath spent it selfe already into aise:
Dear Madame, I beseech you on my knee,
Tender that louing kindnesse to the Queen,
That I dare swear she doth in soule to you.

Ed. Well said good Couse, I pray thee make them friends.
why how now *Besse*? what, weepe? nay then Ile chide you:
what sudden newes comes by this messenger?

Enter a messenger.

Mes. My Soueraigne Lord, the bastard *Falconbridge*,
Of late hath stirr'd rebellion in the South,
Incouraging his forces to deliuer
King *Henry* late depos'd, out of the Tower,
To him the malecontented commons flock,
From euery part of Suffex, Kent, and Essex,
His army waxed twenty thousand strong,
And as it is suppos'd by circumstance,
Meane to take *London*, if not well defended.

Ed. Well, let this *Phaeton* that is mounted thus,
Look he sit surely, or by Englands *George*
Ile break his neck: this is no new euasion,
I surely thought, that one day I should see
That bastard *Falcon*, take his wings to mount
Into our Eagle airie, me thought I saw
Black discontent sit euer on his brow,
And now I see I calculated well.
Good Cousin *Howard*, and *Tom Sellenger*,
This night weel spend in feast and iollity
With our new Queen, and our beloned mother;
To morrow you shall haue a commission,
To raise vp powers against this haughty Rebell:
Sirra, depart vntill you know our pleasure,
You shall conuay vs letters back to *London*,

Vnto

The first part of

Vnto the Maior, Recorder, and our friends :
Is supper ready? come by my bonny Bessie,
Welcome mother, we are all your guests.

Exeunt.

*Enter Falconbridge with his troopes marching, Spicing,
Smoake, Chub, and others.*

Fal. Hold drumme.

1. *Spi.* Hold drumme and be hang'd.

2. *Smo.* Hold drumme hold, peace then ho, silence to the
3. Proclamation.

Spi. You lye you rogue, 'tis to the Oration.

Chub. Nay, then you all lye, 'tis to the Coblication.

Fal. True hearted English, and our valiant friends.

All. Ho braue Generall ifaith.

Spi. Peace there ye rogues, or I will split your chaps.

Fal. Dear countrymen, I publicly proclaime,

If any wronged discontented English,
Tought with true feeling of King *Henries* wrongs,
Henry the sixt, the lawfull King of England,
Who by that tyrant *Edward* the vsurper,
Is held a wretched prisoner in the Tower:
If any man that faine would be enfranchis'd,
From the sad yোক of Yorkish seruitude,
Vnder which we toile like naked Galli-slauces,
Know he that *Thomas Nenill* the Lord *Falconbridge*.

All. I, I, a *Falconbridge*, a *Falconbridge*.

Spi. Peace ye clamarous rogues, on Generall, on with
your Oration, peace there.

Fal. Pittying King *Henries* poor distressed case,
Arm'd with his title and a subiects zeale,
Takes vp iust armes against the House of York,
And do proclaime our ancient liberty.

All. Liberty, liberty, liberty, generall liberty.

Fal. We do not rise like *Tiler*, *Cade*, and *Straw*,
Blenbeard, and other of that rascall rout,
Basely like tinkers, or such muddy slauces,

For

King Edward the fourth.

For mending measures, or the price of corne,
Or for some common in the wild of Kent,
Thats by some greedy cormorant inclos'd:
But in the true and ancient lawfull right,
Of the redoubted house of Lancaster.
Our blood is noble, by our birth a *Newill*,
And by our lawfull line Lord *Falconbridge*.
Whose eare is of so dull a temper,
That is not fired with a *Newills* name?

All. A *Newill*, a *Newill*, a *Newill*.

Fal. Our quarrell like our selfe is honourable,
The law our warrant.

Smoke. I, I, the law is on our side.

Chub. I, the law is in our hands.

Spi. Peace you rogues.

Fal. And more, a blessing by the word propos'd,
To those that aide a true anointed King.
Courage braue spirits, and cry a *Falconbridge*.

All. A *Falconbridge*, a *Falconbridge*.

Fal. We will be maisters of the Mint our selues,
And set our owne stampe on the golden coine:
Weel shooe our neighing coursers with no worse,
Then the purest siluer that is sold in Cheape.
At Leaden hall weel sell pearles by the pecke,
As now the Mealemen vse to sell their meale:
In Westminster weel keep a solemne Court,
And build it bigger to receiue our men.
Cry *Falconbridge* my hearts, and liberty.

All. *Falconbridge* and liberty, &c.

Smoke. Peace ye slaues, or I will smoke ye else.

Chub. Peace ye slaues, or I will chubbe your chappes: but
indeede thou maist well smoke them, because thy name is
Smoke.

Smoke. Why sirra, I hope *Smoke* the Smith of Chepsted,
is as good a man as *Chub* the Chandler of Sandwich.

Spicing. Peace yee rogues, what are you quarrelling? and

B

now

The first part of

now list to captaine *Spicing*.

You know Cheap-side, there are the Mercers shops,
Where we will measure Veluet by the pikes:
And Silkes and Sattens by the streets whole breadth:
Weel take the Tankards from the Conduit cockes,
To fill with Ipocrasse, and drink carowse,
Where chaines of gold and plate shall be as plenty,
As wooden dishes in the wild of Kent.

Smoake. Oh brauely said *Ned Spicing*, the honestest Lad
that euer pound spice in a mortar: now speakes Captaine
Smoake.

Look Lads: for from this hill ye may discern
The louely towne which we are marching to,
That same is *London* Lads ye look vpon.
Range all arowe my hearts, and stand at gaze,
As doe the heards of Deer at some strange sight:
Or as a troope of hungry trauellers,
That fix their eyes vpon a furnisht feast.
Look how the Towre doth tice vs to come on,
To take out *Henry* the sixt there prisoner,
See how *S. Katherines* smokes, wipe slaues your eyes,
And whet your stomackes for the good mault pies.

Chub. Why then belike I am no body: roome and auoy-
dance, for now speakes Captaine *Chub*.

No sooner in *London* will we be,
But the Bakers for you, the Brewers for me,
Burchinlane shall sute vs, the Costermongers fruite vs,
The Poulters send vs in fowle,
And Butchers meat without controule:
And euer when we sup or dine,
The Vintners freely bring vs in wine:
If any body aske who shall pay,
Cut off his head, and send him away.
This is Captaine *Chubs* law whosoeuer say nay.

Fal. Brauely resolu'd, so march we forward all,
And boldly say, good lucke shall vs befall.

Exeunt.

Enter.

King Edward the fourth.

*Enter the Lord Maior, M. Shoare, M. Ioffeline, in their velvet
coates, gorgets, and leading stauces.*

Ma. This is well done, thus should good Citizens
Fashion themselues as well for war as peace :
Haue ye commanded, that in euery street,
They hang forth lights as soon as night comes on :
Say Colin *Shoare* : that was referd to you.

Shoare. We haue my Lord : besides from euery hall
There is at least two hundred men in armes.

Ma. It cheares my heart to hear this readines,
Let neuer Rebels put true Subiects downe,
Come when they will, their welcome shall be such,
As they had better keep them further off.
But where is *M. Recorder* ? his aduice
Must not be wanting in these high affaires.

Sho. About an houre ago, and somewhat more,
I left him fortifying the Bridge my Lord :
Which done, he purposed to meet you heer.

Ma. A discreet painfull Gentleman he is,
And we must all of vs be so inclinde,
If we entend to haue the City safe,
Or look for thanks, and credit with the King.
I tell ye Maisters, aged though I be,
I (for my part) will to no bed this night.

Ioff. Why, is it thought the Bastard is so near ?

Ma. How mean you *M. Ioffeline* by near ?
He neither comes from Italie nor Spaine,
But out of Kent and Essex : which you know,
Are both so near, as nearer cannot be.

Ioff. Nay, by your patience good my Lord a word,
Simple though I am, I must confesse,

A mischief further off, would, and so forth.
You know my meaning, things not seen before,
Are and so forth, yet in good sadnes,
I would that all were well, and perchance,

The first part of

It may be so ; what ? were it not for hope,
The heart and so forth, but to the matter,
You meane and purpose, I, I, am sure ye doe.

Ma. Well *M. Ioffeline*, we are sure ye mean well,
Although somewhat defectiue in your vtterance.

Ioff. I, I, my Lord Maior, I am you know
Willing, ready, and so forth : tut, tut, for me, ha ha,
My Mansion is at Ham, and thence you know,
I come to helpe you in this needfull time,
When Rebells are so busie, and so forth.
What, Maisters ? age must neuer be despis'd,
You shall finde me, my Lord, still, and so forth.

Enter Vrsewicke the Recorder.

Sho. My Lord, now heer comes *M. Recorder*.

Re. Good, euen my good Lord Maior, the streets are chaind,
The bridge well manned, and euery place prepar'd.
Shall we now goe together and consult,
What else there is to be determined of ?

Ma. Your comming *M. Recorder* was the thing
We all desired, therefore let vs consult.
And now what say ye, if with halfe our power,
We issue forth, and giue the Rebells fight ?

Recor. Before they doe prouoke vs neerer hand.
There were no way to that, if all be pleas'd.
Whats your opinion *M. Ioffeline* ?

Iof. Good sooth my L. *Maior* and *M. Recorder*,
You may take your choice, but in my conceit,
Issue if you will, or else stay if you will,
A man can neuer be too wary, and so forth.
Yet as to issue will not be the worst,
Euen so to tarry : well, you may thinke more on't,
But all is one, we shall be sure to fight,
And you are wise enough to see your time, I, I, a
Gods name,

Re. My Lord accept his meaning better than his counsell.

Ma.

King Edward the fourth.

Ma. I, so we doe, or else we were too blame.
What if we stoppe the passage of the Thames,
With such prouision as we haue of shippes?

Recor. It is doubtfull yet, my Lord, whether the Rebels
Purpose that way to seek our detriment.
Rather me seemeth they will come by land,
And either make assault at *London-Bridge*,
Or else at *Algate* : both which entrances,
Were good they should be strongly fortified.

Ioff. Well said *M. Recorder*, you do I, I, I, ye warrant.

Recor. As for the other, the whole companies
Of *Mercers*, *Grocers*, *Drapers*, and the rest,
Are drawne together for their best defence.
Beside the *Towre* a neighbor to that place,
As on the one side it will cleare the riuer,
So on the other with their Ordinance,
It may repulse and beate them from the gate.

Ma. What noise is this? prouide ye sodainly :
And euery man betake him to his charge. *A noise within*

Enter a Messenger.

Sho. Soft : who is this? how now my friend, what newes?

Mes. My maister, the Lieutenant of the *Towre*, giues ye to
vnderstand he hath descried the army of the Rebels.

Recor. Which way come they?

Mes. From *Essexward*, and therefore it is his mind,
You garde both *Algate* well, and *Bishopsgate*.

Ma. *Saint George* away, and let vs all resolute,
Either to vanquish this rebellious rout,
Preserue our goods, our children and our wiues,
Or seale our resolution with our liues.

Exeunt.

Enter Falconbridge, Spicing, with his troupes.

Fal. Summon the City, and command our entrance.
Which if we shall be stubbornly denied,
Our power shall rush like thunder through the walls.

Sp. Open your gates slaues when I command ye.

*Spicing beates upon the gates, and then enters the Lord
Maier*

The first part of

Maïor and his associates with prontises.

Ma. Whats he that beats thus at the City gates,
Commanding entrance as he were a King?

Fal. He that will haue releasement for a King:
I *Thomas Newill* the Lord *Falconbridge*.

Spi. Ho sirra, you, clapperdudgin, vnlocke, vnbolt,
Or ile bolt you if I get in, stand you preaching with a poxe?

Ma. We haue no warrant *Thomas Falconbridge*,
To let your armed troupes into our City,
Considering you haue taken vp these armes,
Against our Soueraigne and our countries peace.

Fal. Itell thee Maïor, and know he tels thee so,
That commeth armed in a Kings defence,
That I craue entrance in King *Henries* name,
In right of the true line of Lancaster.
Me thinks that word spoke from a *Newills* mouth,
Should like an earthquake rend your chained gates,
And teaze in peeces your portcullises.

I thunder it againe into your eares,
You stout and braue couragious Londoners,
In *Henries* name I craue my entrance in.

R. Should *Henries* name command thee entrance heer,
We should deny alleageance vnto *Edward*,
Whose true and faithfull Subiects we are sworne,
And in whose presence is our sword vp borne.

Fal. I tell thee Traitor, then thou bearest thy sword
Against thy true vn doubted King.

Shoare. Nay then I tell thee bastard *Falconbridge*,
My Lord Maïor beares his sword in his defence,
That put the sword into the armes of London,
Made the Lord Maiors for euer after Knights,

Richard, deposed by *Henry Bullenbrooke*,
From whom the house of Yorke doth claime their right.

Fal. Whats he that answers vs thus sawcily?

Smo. Sirra your name, that we may know you heerafter.

Sbo. My name is *Shoare*, a Goldsmith by my trade.

Fal.

King Edward the fourth.

Fal. What, not *Shoare* that hath the dainty wife,
Shoare's wife the flowre of London for her beauty?

Sho. Yes *Rebell*, euen the very same.

Spi. Runne rascall, and fetch thy wife to our Generall presently, or else all the gold in *Cheape-side* cannot ransom her: wilt thou not stirre when I bid thee?

Fal. *Shoare* listen me, Thy wife is mine, thats flat.
This night in thine house she sleepest with me.
Now *Crofebie* the Lord shall we enter in?

Ma. *Crofebie* the Lord Maior tells thee proud *Rebell* no.

Fal. No *Crofebie* shall I not? then doting Lord,
I cramme the name of *Rebell* downe thy throat.
Thers not the poorest Rascall of my campe,
But if he chance to meet thee in *Cheape-side*,
Vpon thy foot-cloath, he shall make thee light,
And hold his stirrop while he mount thy horse,
Then lackie him which way he please to goe.

Crofebie Ile make the Citizens be glad,
To send thee and the Aldermen thy Brethren,
All manacled, and chaine'd like Gally-slaves,
To ransom them, and to redeem the City.

M. Nay then proud *Rebell*, pause and hear me speake,
Thers not the poorest and meanest Citizen,
That is a faithfull subiect to the King,
But in despite of thy rebellious route,
Shall walke to *Bowe*, a small wand in his hand,
Although thou lie encamped at *Mile-end Green*:
And not the proudest *Rebell* of you all,
Shall dare to rouch him for his damned soule.
Come we will pull vp our Portculleises,
And let me see thee enter if thou dare.

Fal. Spoken like a man, and true veluet iacket.
And we will enter or strike by the way. *Exeunt.*

Enter Lord Maior, Recorder, and Ioffelime.

M. Whers Maister *Recorder*, and *Ma. Ioffelime*?

Recor. Heere my Lord Maior, wee now haue mand the
walle s

The first part of

walles, and fortified such places as was needfull.

Ma. Why it is well, Brothers and Citizens.
Stick to your City as good men should doe.
Thinke that in *Richards* time euen such a Rebelle,
Was then by *Walworth* the L. Maior of *London*,
Stabbed dead in *Smithfield* :

Thou shew your selues as it befits the time,
And let this finde a hundreth *Walworths* now,
Dare stab a Rebelle were he made of braisse.

And Prentises sicke to your officers,
For you may come to be as we are now.
God and our King against an arrant Rebelle,
Brothers away, let vs defend the wallles.

1. *Pren.* My Lord, your words are able to infuse
A double courage in a cowards brest.
Then feare not vs, although our chins be bare,
Our hearts are good, the triall shall be seen
Against these Rebells on this champain green.

2. *Pren.* We haue no trickes nor polices of war,
But by the ancient custome of our Fathers,
Weel soundly lay it on, take't off that will,
And *London* Prentises be rul'd by me,
Die ere you lose faire *Londons* liberty.

Sp. How now flatcaps, are ye growne so braue?
Tis but your words : when matters come to prooffe,
You scudde as twere a company of sheep.
My counsaile therfore is to keep your shops.
What lacke you, better will beleeue your mouthes,
Than termes of war, in sooth you are too young.

1. *Pren.* Sirra go too, you shall not finde it so.
Flatcaps thou calst vs, we scorne not the name,
And shortly by the vertue of our swords,
Weel make your cap so sit vpon your crowne,
As sconce and cap and all shall kisse the ground.

2. *Pren.* You are those desperate, idle, swaggering mates,
That haunt the Suburbs in the time of peace,

And

King Edward the fourth.

And raise vp Ale-house braules in euery street,
And when the rumor of the war begins,
You hide your heads, and are not to be found.

Pr. Thou tearm'st it better that we keep our shops.
It's good indeed we should haue such a care.
But yet for all our keeping, now and then
Your pilftring fingers breake into our lockes,
Vntill at Tyborne you acquit the fault.
Go to, albeit by custome we are milde,
As those that doe professe ciuility,
Yet being mou'd, a nest of angry hornets
Shall not be more offensiue than we will.
Weel fly about your cares, and sting your hearts.

Ioff. He tells you truth my friends, and so forth.

Fal. Who can endure to be so brau'd by boyes?

1. Pren. Nay scorne vs not that we are Prentises.
The Chronicles of *England* can report,
What memorable actions we haue done
To which this daies atchieuement shall be knit,
To make the volume larger than it is.

Ma. Now of mine honor, you do cheer my heart,
Braue English of-springs, valiantly resolu'd.

2. Pren. My Lord, returne you backe, let vs alone,
You are our Maisters, giue vs leaue to worke,
And if we doe not vanquish them in fight,
Let vs goe supperlesse to bed at night.

Exeunt all but Spicing, Smoke, and their crew.

Spi. Smoke, get thee vp on the top of S. Buttolphs
sleeple, and make a proclamation.

Smo. What a plague should I proclaime there?

Spi. That the bells be rung backward,
And cutting of throats be cride hauocke,
No more calling of lanthorne and candle light,
That maiden-heads be valued at iust nothing:
And Sacke be sold by the Sallet.

C

That

The first part of

That no pidling slaue stand to picke a locke, but slash me off the hinges, as one would slit vp a Cowes paunch.

Spi. Let no man haue lesse then a ware-house to his wardrobe: cry a figge for a Sergeant, and walke by the Counter like a Lord, plucke out the clapper of Bow-bell, and hang vp all the Sextons in the City.

Smoke. Rantam Scontam, Rogues follow your leader, Gaualero *Spicing*, the maddest slaue that euer pounded spice in a mortar.

Spi. Take mee an Vsurer by the greasie pouch, and shake out his crownes, as a hungry dog would shake a Haggasse. Barre foule play Rogues, and liue by honest filching and stealing: hee that hath a true finger, let him forsaith his face to the frying-pan.

Follow your Leader Rogues, follow your Leader.

Sma. Assault, Assault, and cry a *Falconbridge*.

Ioffeline on the walles cries to them.

Ios. Sirra *Spicing*, if *Spicing* be thy name, wee are heer for matters and causes as it might seeme for the King, therefore it were good, and so forth.

Spi. Open the gates, or if we be the pick-locks, ye Rogues wee le play the Mallice dogs amongst you: If I woorrie not a thousand of you with my teeth, let mee be hangd in a pack-threed, and so forth.

Ios. Fond fellow, iustice is to be vsed, I marry is it, and law in some sort as it were is to bee followed, oh God forbid else. This our Magistrate hath power as might seem, and so forth: for duety is to be obserued, and Officers must be obeyed, in sort and calling, and so forth.

Spi. Weell talke more anon good M. and so forth.

Heer is a very fierce assault on all sides, wherein the Premises doe great service.

Enter Falconbridge angry with his men.

Fal. Why this it is to trust to these base Rogues, This durty scum of rascall pesantry,

This

King Edward the fourth.

This hartlesse rout of base rascalitie.

A plague vpon you all, ye cowardly Rogues :
You crauand currees, you slimy muddy Clownes,
Whose courage but consists in multitude,
Like sheep and neat that follow one another,
Which if one run away, all follow after:
This hedge-bred Rascall, this filthy fry of ditches,
A vengeance take you all, this tis to lead you.
Now doe you cry and shriek at euery shooke.
A hot consuming mischief follow you.

Spi. Swounds, scale Rogues, scale, a *Falconbridge*,
a *Falconbridge*.

Enter Lord Maior and his traine.

Mai. Set open the gates, nay then weel fall y out.
It neuer shall be said when I was Maior,
The Londoners were shut vp in the City.
Then cry King *Edward*, and let's issue out.

Fal. Now if you be true-hearted Englishmen,
The gate's set open and the Portcullise vp.
Let's Pel Mel in, to stop their passage out.
He that first enters be posselt of Cheape.
I giue him it freely, and the chiefest wench.

Spi. That he can finde, let that lye in the bargaine,

Exeunt.

*The Lord Maior and the Citizens hauing valiantly repulsd the
Rebels from the Citie : Enters Falconbridge and Spicing, and their
traine wounded and dismaied.*

Spi. Hearest thou Generall? there's hot drinking at the
mouth of Bishopsgate, for our souldiers are all Mouth; they
lye like Rascals with their braines beaten out, therefore since
we are like to feede Hogs in Houndsditch, let vs retire our
troupes, and saue our maimed men: or if we issue further, we
are put to the sword euery mothers son of vs.

Fal. Art thou that villain in whose damned mouth,
Was neuer heard of any word but wounds.

The first part of

Whose recreant limbes are notcht with gaping scarres,
Thicker than any carking craft-mans score :
Whose very skalp is scratcht, and craz'd, and broken,
Like an old mazer beaten on the stones:
And stand'st thou now to saue our maimed men ?
A plague vpon thee coward.

Spi. Why how now base *Thomas* ? Swounds, wert thou
a base Viall, thou art but a Rascall and a Rebelle as I am, hea-
rest thou, if I doe not turne true Subiect, and leaue thee, let
mee be woorried with dogs. Swounds, dost thou impeach my
manhood? *Tom Newill* thou hadst as good to haue damnd thy
selfe as vttered such a word: flatly I forsake thee, and all that
loue *Ned Spicing*, follow me.

Heer the rest offer to follow.

Fal. Come, come, you testy fool, thou seest me grieu'd,
Yet canst not bear with my infirmity.
Thou knowest I hold thee for as tall a man
As any liues or breaths our English aire.
I know there liues not a more fiery spirit,
A more resolued, valiant, a plague vpon it,
Thou knowest I loue thee, yet if a word escape
My lips in anger, how testie then thou art?
I had rather all men lef me then thy selfe,
Thou art my soule, thou art my Genius:
I cannot liue without thee not an howre.
Thus must I still bee forc't against my will
To sooth this durry slaue, this cowardly rascall. *aside.*
Come, come, be friends, ye testie firebrand,
We must retire, there is no remedy.

Spi. Nay *To.* if thou wilt haue me mount the walles,
And cast my selfe downe headlong on their pikes,
He doe it: but to impeach my valour,
Had any man but thou spoke halfe so much,
I would haue split his heart: still beware
My valour, such words goe hardly downe.
Well I am friends, thou thoughtest not as thou spakest.

Fal.

King Edward the fourth.

Fal. No on my soule, thou thinkest not that I did,
Sound a retreat there I command ye strait,
But whither shall we retire ?

Spi. To Mile-end Green, there is no fitter place.

Fal. Then let vs back retire to Mile-end Green,
And there expect fresh succour from our friends,
With such supply as shall ere long assure
The City is our owne, march on, away.

Exeunt.

Enter the Lord Maior with his traine and Prentises.

Maior. Ye haue bestird you like good Citizens,
And shewne your selues true Subiects to your King.
You worthily Prentises bestird your selues,
That it did cheere my heart to see your valour,
The Rebels are retired to Mile-end Green.

Re. Where so we may not suffer them to rest,
But issue forth vpon them with fresh force.

Ioff. My Lord Maior, diligence doth well, and so forth.
Matters must be looked into as they ought, indeed.
Should they : when things are well done, they are,
and so forth, for causes and things must indeed be
lookt into.

Ma. Well sir, we very well conceiue your meaning,
And you haue shewn your selfe a worthy Gentleman :
See that our wals be kept with courts of guard,
And well defended against the enemy.
For we will now withdraw vs to Guild-hall,
To take aduice what further must be done.

Exeunt.

Enter Maister Shoare, and Iane his wife.

Shoare. Be not afraid (sweet heart) the worst is past:
God haue the praise, the victory is ours.
We haue preuaild, the Rebels are repuls'd,
And euery street of London soundeth ioy.
Canst thou then (gentle Iane) be sad alone ?

Iane. I am not sad now you are heer with me.

The first part of

My ioy, my hope, my comfort and my loue,
My deare, deare husband, kindest *Mathew Shoare*.

But when these armes the circle of my soule,
Were in the fight so forward as I heard,
How could I chuse, sweet heart, but be afraid?

Sho. Why dost thou tremble now when peril's past?

Ia. I thinke vpon the horror of the time,
But tell me why you fought so desperately.

Sho. First to maintaine King *Edwards* royalty,
Next to defend the Cities liberty,
But chiefly *Iane* to keep thee from the foile-
Of him, that to my face did vow thy spoile.
Had he been mild, where then had bin our liues?
Dishonored our Daughters, rauished our faire Wiues,
Possessed our goods, and set our Seruants free,
Yet all is nothing to the losse of thee.

Ia. Of me sweet heart? why how should I be lost?
Were I by thousand stormes of fortune tost,
And should endure the poorest wretched life,
Yet *Iane* will bethy honest loyall wife.

The greatest Prince the Sunne did euer see,
Shall neuer make me proue vntrue to thee.

Sho. I feare not faire meanes, but a Rebels force.

Ia. These hands shall make his body a dead corse,
Ere force or flattery shall mine honor slaine.

Sho. True fame suruiues, when death the flesh hath slaine.

Enter an Officer from the Lord Maior.

Of. God saue you M. *Shoare*, and Mistris by your leaue.
Sir, my L. Maior sends for you by me,
And praies your speedy presence at Guild-hall.
Ther's newes the Rebels haue made head againe,
And haue ensconced themselves vpon Milc-end,
And presently our armed men must out.
You being Captaine of two companies,
In honor of your valor and your skill,

Must

King Edward the fourth.

Must lead the vaward. God and right stand with ye.

Sho. Friend tell my Lord he waite vpon him strait.

Ia. Friend tell my Lord he does my husband wrong,
To set him formost in the danger still.

You shall not goe if I may haue my will.

Sh. Peace wife, no more: friend I will follow you. *Exit*

Ia. I faith you shall not, pree thee do not go.

Sh. Not so sweet heart: that were a cowards trick,
A Traitors part to shrink when others fight.

Enuy shall neuer say that *Mathew Shoare*

The Goldsmith staid, when other men went out,

To meet his kings and countries enemy.

No *Lane*, gainst all the Rebels on Mile-end,

I dare alone *K. Edwards* right defend.

Ia. If you be slaine, what shall become of me?

Sho. Right well my wench, inow will marry thee.
I leaue thee worth at least fife thousand pound.

Ia. Marry againe? that word my heart doth wound.

He neither marry, nor I will not liue.

She weepes.

If you be kild, let me goe with thee *Mat.*

Sho. Tis idle talke good *Lane*, no more of that.

Goe to my Lady Maioreesse and the rest,

As you are still companion with the best,

With them be merry, and pray for our good speed.

Ia. To part with thee my very heart doth bleed.

Exeunt.

*Enter Falconbridge with his troups marching,
as being at Mile-end.*

Fal. Yet stand we in the sight of vpreard Troy,

And suck the aire she drawes: our very breath

Flies from our nostrils warme vnto the walles.

We beard her bristling spires, her battled towres,

And proudly stand and gaze her in the face.

Looke on me, and I doubt not ye imagine,

My worth as great as any one of yours.

My

The first part of

My fortunes, would I basely fawne on *Edward*,
To be as faire as any mans in *England*.
But he that keepes your Soueraigne in the Towre,
Hath seizd my land, and robd me of my right:
I am a Gentleman as well as he.
What he hath got, he holds by tyranny.
Now if you faint, or cowardly should fly,
There is no hope for any one to liue,
We hear the Londoners will leaue the Citie,
And bid vs battell heer on Mile-end Green:
Whom if we vanquish, then we take the Towne,
And ride in triumph thorow Cheape to Paules.
The Mint is ours, Cheape, Lombard-street our owne,
The meanest souldier wealthier than a King.

Spi. March faire you rogues, all Kings or Capknitters:
Dost thou hear, *Tom Falconbridge*? I prece thee grant me one
boone I shall aske thee.

Fal. What is it *Ned*? its hard I should deny thee.

Spi. Why that when we haue wonne the City, as we cannot
chuse but winne it, that I may haue the knighting of all these
rogues and rascalls.

Fal. What then?

Spi. What then? Zounds I scorne your scuruy wry mou-
thed, what then? now a pox take me if I fight a blow.

Fal. Why this is fine, go to, knight whom thou wilt.

Spi. who? I knight any of them? Ile see them hanged first
for a company of tattered ragged rascalles. If I were a King I
would not knight one of them.

Chub. What, not me Caelero *Chub*?

Spi. Yes, I care not if I knight thee: and yet Ile see thee
hanged ere Ile honour thee so much: I care not so much for
the matter, but I would not be denied my humour.

Fal. Why, what a peruerse fellow art thou *Ned*?

Spi. Ho my fine *Tom*, my braue *Falconbridge*, my mad Greek,
my lusty *Nenill*, thou art a King, a *Cesar*, a plague on thee,
I loue thee not, and yet Ile die with thee.

Enter

King Edward the fourth.

*Enter the Lord Maior, Recorder, Ioffeline, Shoare, and their
souldiers marching.*

Maior. See how rebellion can exalt it selfe,
Pruning the feathers of sicke discipline.

Recor. They thinke they can out look our truer lookes.

Sho. Marke but the scornefull eye of *Falconbridge*.

Ma. I rather think tis feare vpon his cheek;
Decyphers pale disturbance in his heart.

Iof. Our comming forth hath, well, I say no more,
But shall we take occasion, and so forth.

Rebellion should haue no respite, oh my Lord,
The time hath been, but tis all one for that.

Spi. How like a troupe of rancke ore-ridden iades,
You bushie bearded Citizens appeare?

Chub. Nay, rather so many men in the Moon,
And euery one a furzen bush in his mouth.

All. The foure and twenty wards now faire befall them:
Would any one haue thought before this houre,
There had been such increase of muddy slaues?

Spi. Peace souldiers, they are resolute you see,
And not to flatter vs, nor fauor them,
Such haughtie stomackes seldome haue been seen
Imbodied in the brests of Citizens.

How sternly in their owne peculiar strength,
Without the assistance of their lingring King,
Did they of late repulse vs from their wals?

And now againe how expeditiously,
And vnexpected they haue met vs heer?
Were we more deadly incensed than wee are,
I would not but commend their chiuallrie.

Smo. Captaine shall we goe challenge them to fight?
S'blood we burne day light, theile thinke anon,
We are affraid to see their glittering swords.

Chub. Tell them they come in stead of pudding pies,
And Stratford cakes to makes a banquet heer.

Fal. Soft giue me leaue, I will deuise with words,

The first part of

To weaken and abash their fortitude.

Re. The ballard offers to come forth my Lord.

Ma. I am the man intends to answer him.

Fal. Crosbie.

Ma. Traitor.

All. Traitor? zounds downe with him.

Fal. Be patient, giue me leaue I say to speake.

I doubt not but the Traitors name shall rest

With those that keep their lawfull King in bonds:

Mean time ye men of London, once againe

Behold my warlike colours are displaid,

Which I haue vow'd shall neuer be wrapt vp,

Vntill your lofty buildings kisse our feet,

Vnlesse you grant me passage through your streets.

Re. Passage, saist thou? that must be ore our breasts,
If any passage thou art like to haue.

Fal. VVhy then vpon your bodies I will tread,
And wade through standing pooles of your lost blood.

Sbo. VVe know thy threats, and reckon them as wind,
Not of sufficient power to shake a reed.

Spi. But we shooke your gates not long ago,
And made your gates to shake like yrish bogges.

Chub. Land so terrified yee, that none of yee durst come
to fetch a pinte of Sack at the Mouth at Bishopsgate, no not
for your liues.

Ios. I but you know what followed, and so forth.

Spi. Et cetera? are you there? mee thinkes the sight of the
dun Bull, the *Nenills* honored crest, should make you leaue
your broken sentences, and quite forget euer to speake at
all.

Sbo. Nay then looke thou vpon our Cities armes,
Wherein is a bloody dagger, that is it,
VVherewith a Rebell like to *Falsenbridge*,
Had his desert meet for his treachery.

Can you behold thar, and not quake for feare?

Re. Since when, it is successiueley decreed,

Traitors

King Edward the fourth.

Traitors with vs shall neuer better speed.

Spi. Captaines and fellow Souldiers talke no more,
But draw your meaning forth in downe right blows.

Fal. Sound then alarum.

Maioir. Doe the like for vs: and where the right is,
there attend successe.

Ios. Stay and be better aduis'd: why Countrimen,
VVhat is this *Falconbridge* you follow so?

I could instruct you, but you know my mind.

And *Falconbridge* what are these Rusticals,

Thou shouldst repose such confidence in glasse,

Shall I informe thee? no, thou art wise inough,

Edward of Yorke delaies the time you say,

Therefore he will not come, imagine so.

The Cities weak, hold that opinion still,

And your pretence King *Henries* liberty.

True, but as how? shall I declare you? no.

VVhat then? youle fight, a Gods name take your choise:

I can no more but giue you mine aduice.

Fal. Away with this parentheses of words.

Crofebie, courage thy men: and on this green,

VVhose cause is right, let it be quickly seen.

Maioir. I am as ready as thou canst desire.

On then a Gods name,

They fight, the Rebels drine them backe: then

Enter Falconbridge and Spicing.

Fal. This was well fought, now *Spicing* list to me.

The Citizens thus hauing giuen vs ground,

And therefore somewhat daunted, take a band

Of *Essex* souldiers, and with all the speed

Thou possibly canst make, withdraw thy selfe,

And get between the Citie gates and them.

Spi. Oh *Tom Newill* gallant *Falconbridge*,

I aime at thy entended policie,

The first part of

This is my meaning: while thou art imploid,
And holdst them battaile heer on Mileend Green,
I must provide as harbenger before,
There be not only cleer and open passage,
But the best Merchants houses to receive
Vs and our retinew, I am proud of that,
And will not sleep vpon thy iust command.

Fal. Away then, I will follow as I may,
And doubt not but that ours will be the day.

*After some excursions, enter Lord Maior and
Master Shoare.*

Ma. We haue recouered what before we lost,
And heauen stands with the iustice of our cause.
But this I noted in the fight euen now,
That part of this rebellious crue is sent,
By what direction, or for what intent,
I cannot ghesse, but may suspect the worst,
And as it seemes they compasse it about,
To hemme vs in, or get the gate of vs.
And therefore Cofin *Shoare* as I repose
Trust in thy valour and thy loyalty,
Draw forth three hundred bowmen, and some pikes,
And presently encounter their assault.

Sho. I haue your meaning and effect my Lord,
I trust I shall disappoint them of their hope.

*After an alarme, Enter Spicing with a drum and
certaine souldiers.*

Spi. Come on my hearts, we will be Kings to night,
Carouse in gold, and sleep with Marchants wiues,
While their poore husbands loose their liues abroad.
We are now quite behinde our enemies backs,
And theres no let or hinderance in the way,
But we may take possession of the towne.
Ah you mad Rogues, this is the wished houre,
Fellow your leader and be resolute.

A:

King Edward the fourth.

*As hee marcheth, thinking to enter, Shoare and his souldiers
issue forth and repulse him, after excursions, wherein the Rebels
are disperst. Enter Maior, Rec. Sho. Ios. and a Messenger talking
with the Maior.*

Ma. I my good friend, so certifie his Grace,
The Rebels are disperfed all and fled.
And now his Highnes meets with victory,
Marshal your selues, and keep in good aray,
To adde more glory to this victory :
The King in person commeth to this place,
How great an honor haue you gaind to day ?
And how much is this City fam'd for euer,
That twise without the helpe either of King,
Or any, but of God, and our owne selues,
We haue preuaild against our countries foes ?
Thankes to his Maiesty assisted vs,
Who alwaies helps true Subiects in their need.

Exit Mes.

*The Trumpets sound, then enters King Edward, L.
How. Sellenger and the traine.*

King. Where is my Lord Maior ?

Ma. Heer dread Soueraigne.

I hold no Lordship nor no dignity,
In presence of my gracious Lord the King,
But all I humble at your Highnesse feet,
With the most happy conquest of proud Rebels
Disperst and fled, that now remains no doubt,
Of euer making head to vex vs more.

King. You haue not taken the bastard Falconbridge ?
Or is he slaine ?

Ma. Neither, my gracious Lord.
Although we labourd to our vttermost,
Yet all our care came overshort,
For apprehending him or Spicing either :
But some are taken, others on proffered grace

D. 3

Yielded

The first part of

Yeeled themselves, and at your mercy stand.

K. Thanks good L. Maior, you may condemne vs
Of too much slacknes in such vrgent need :

But we assure you on our royall word,
So soon as we had gathered vs a power,
VVe dallied not, but made all haste we could.
VVhat order haue you tane for *Falconbridge*
And his Confederates in this rebellion ?

Ma. Vnder your leaue my Liege, we haue proclaimed
VVho bringeth *Falconbridge* aliue or dead,
Shall berequited with a thousand markes,
As much for *Spicing*, others of lesse worth
At easier rates are let.

K. VVell haue ye done,
And we will see it paid from our Exchequer.
Now leaue we this, and come to you,
That haue so well deseru'd in these affaires,
Affaires, I mean of so maine consequence.
Kneel downe, and all of you receiue in field,
The honor you haue merited in field.

There he draws his sword and knights them.

Arise Sir *Iohn Crosebie*, L. Maior of London and Knight.

Arise Sir *Ralfe Ioffeline* Knight.

Arise Sir *Thomas Vrsawiske* our Recorder of London, and
Knight.

Now tell me which is M. *Shoare*.

Ma. This same my Lord,
And hand to hand he fought with *Falconbridge*.

King. *Shoare* kneel thou downe.
VVhat call you else his name ?

Re. His name is *Mathew Shoare* my Lord.

K. *Shoare* why kneelest thou not, and at thy Soueraignes
hand receiue thy right ?

Shoare. Pardon me my gracious Lord,
I doe not stand contemptuous or despising
Such royall fauour of my Soueraigne,

But

King Edward the fourth.

But to acknowledge mine vnworthines:
Farre be it from the thought of *Matthew Shoare*,
That he should be aduanc'd with Aldermen,
With our L. Maior, and our right graue Recorder.
If any thing hath been performd by me,
That may deserue your Highnes meanst respect,
I haue inough, and I desire no more,
Then let me craue that I may haue no more.

King. VVell, be it as thou wilt, some other way,
We will deuise to quittance thy deserts,
And not to faile therein vpon my word.
Now let me tell ye all my friends at once,
Your King is married since you saw him last:
And haste to helpe you in this needfull time;
Made me on sudden to forsake my Bride.
But seeing all things are fallen out so well,
And there remaines no further doubt of ill,
Let me entreate, you would goe boote your selues,
And bring your King a little on his way.
How say you my Lord, shall it be so?

Ma. Now God forbid, but that my Lord the King
Should alwaies haue his Subiects at command.

Ios. For quotha? I in good sadnes, your Maie-
stie shall finde vs alwaies ready, and so forth.

King. Why then set forward Gentlemen:
And come L. Maior, I must conferre with you.

Exeunt.

*Enter Falconbridge and Spicing with their weapons
in their hands.*

Spi. Art thou the man whose victories drawne at sea,
Fild euery heart with terror of thy name?
Art thou that *Newill* whom we tooke thee for?
Thou art a louse, thou bastard *Falconbridge*;
Thou baser than a bastard, in whose birth
The very dregs of seruitude appeare.
Why tell me, liuer of some rotten Sheep,

After

The first part of

After by thy allurements we are brought,
To vndertake this course, after thy promises
Of many golden Mountaines to ensue,
Is this the greatest comfort thou canst giue?
Hast thou ensnar'd our heedlesse feet with death,
And brought vs to the libbet of defame,
And now dost bid vs shift and saue our selues?
No crauen, were I sure I should be tane,
I would not stir my feet vntill this hand
Had venged me on thee for misguiding vs.

Fal. Opprobrious villane, stable excrement,
That neuer dreamtst of other manhood yet,
But how to ierke a horse, vntill my words
Insus'd into thee resolutions fire.

Control'st thou me for that wherein thy selfe
Art only the occasion of mishap?
Hadst thou and they stood to it as well as I,
The day had bin our owne, and *London* now,
That laughs in triumph, should haue wept in teares.
But being backt by such faint-hearted slaues,
No maruaile if the Lyon goe to wracke:
As though it were not incident to Kings,
Sometime to take repulse, mine is no more:
Nor is it for that muddy braine of thine
To tutor me how to digest my losse.
Then fly with those that are already fled,
Or stay behinde, and hang all but the head.

Spi. Oh prejudice to *Spicings* conquering name,
Whose valour euen the hacks this sword hath made
Vpon the flint, and yron barres at *Algate*,
Like mouthes will publish whiles the City stands:
That I shrunk back? that I was neuer seen
To shew my manly spleen but with a whip?
I tell thee *Falconbridge*, the least of these,
Doe challenge blood before they be appeas'd.

Fal. Away you scoundrell, tempt not my resolute,

The

King Edward the fourth.

The courage that suruiues in *Falconbridge*,
Scornes the incounter of so base a drudge.

Spi. By the pure temper of this sword of mine,
By this true flesh and blood that gripes the same,
And by the honor I did win of late,
Against those frosty bearded Citizens,
It shall be tride before we doe depart,
Whether accuseth other wrongfully,
Or which of vs two is the better man.

Fal. I shall but quite the hangman of a labour:
Yet rather then to be vpbraided thus,
The Eagle once will stoop to feed on carion.

They fight: Enter Chub.

Ch. Hold, if ye be men; if not, hold as ye are, Rebels & strong
Theeues: I bring ye newes of a proclamation. The King hath
promised, that whosoever can bring the head of *Falconbridge*
or *Spicing*, shall haue for his labor a thousand crownes; what
meane you then to swagger, saue your selues.

Spi. This proclamation comes in happy time.
Ile vanquish *Falconbridge*, and with this sword
Cut off his head, and beare it to the King.
So not alone I shall be pardoned,
But hauethe thousand crownes is promised.

Fal. This Rascall was ordain'd to saue my life:
For now, when I haue ouerthrowne the wretch,
Euen with his head Ile yeeld me to the King.
His princely word is past to pardon me;
And though I were the chiefe in this rebellion,
Yet this will be a meanes to make my peace.

Chub. O that I knew how to betray them both.

Fal. How saist thou *Spicing*? wilt thou yeeld thy selfe?
For I haue vowed either alieue or dead
To bring thee to King *Edward*.

Spi. And I haue vow'd the like by thee.
How will these two bad contraries agree?

Chub. And I the same by both of you.

Fal. Come, sir, Ile quickly rid you of that care.

E

Spi.

The first part of

Spi. And what thou loatest me shall be thy share.

Chub. Heer comes a Miller, helpe to part the fray,
These are the Rebels *Falconbridge* and *Spicing*.
The worst of them is worth a thousand crownes.

Mil. Marry, and such a booty would I haue.
Submit, submit, it is in vaine to strue. *Exit Fal.*

Spi. Why? what art thou?

Mil. One that will hammer you:
But what's the other that is fled away?

Chub. Oh Miller, that was *Falconbridge*,
And this is *Spicing* his companion.

Spi. I tell thee, Miller, thou hast been the meanes
To hinder the most charitable deed
That euer honest Christian vndertooke.

Chub. Thou canst beare me witnes, I had tane
That most notorious Rebelle but for him.

Mil. But I haue taken thee; and the world knowes,
That *Spicing* is as bad as who is best.

Spi. Why, thou mistak'st, I am a true Subiect.

Chub. Miller, he lies: be sure to hold him fast.

Spi. Dost thou accuse me? apprehend him too:
For he's as guilty as any of vs.

Mil. Come, you shall both together answer it
Before my Lord Maior, and heer he comes.

Enter Lord Maior, Ioffeline and other attendants.

Ma. Sir Ralph *Ioffeline*, haue you euer seen a Prince more af-
fable than *Edward* is? what merry talke he had vpon the way?

Iof. Doubtlesse, my Lord, heel proue a royall King.
But how now? what are these?

Mil. God saue your honor,
Heer I present vnto my Lord Maior
A paire of Rebels, whom I did espie
As I was busie grinding at my mill;
And taking them for vagrant idle knaues,
That had beset some true man from his house,
I came to keep the peace; but afterward
Found that it was the bastard *Falconbridge*,

And

King Edward the fourth.

And this his mate together by the eares.
The one, for all that I could do, escap't,
The other standing at your mercy heer.

Ma. It is the rebell *Spicing*.

Spi. It is indeed.

I see you are not blind; you know me then.

Ma. Well, miller, thou hast done a Subjects part,
And worthily deseru'st that recompence
Is publickly proclaimed by the King.

But what's this other? I haue seen his face,
And, as I take it, he is one of them.

Mil. I must confesse, I tooke them both together :
He ayded me to apprehend the rest.

Chub. A telles you true, my Lord; I am *Chub* the Chandler,
and I curse the time that euer I saw their faces : for if they had
not been, I had liu'd an honest man in mine owne country,
and neuer come to this.

Spi. Out, rogue, dost thou recant for feare of death?
I, Maior, I am he that sought to cut your throat :
And since I haue miscarried in the fact,
Ile ne're deny it, do the worst you can.

Ma. Bring him away, he shall haue martiall law,
And at the next tree we doe come vnto,
Be hang'd, to rid the world of such a wretch.
Miller, thy duty is a thousand Markes,
which must bee shar'd betweene thee and this poore fellow,
that did reueale him. And sirra, your life is saued on this con-
dition, that you hang vp *Spicing* : how saist thou? wilt thou
doe it?

Chub. Will I doe it? what a question is that? (life,
I would hang him, if hee were my father, to saue mine owne

Ma. Then when ye haue done it, come home to my house,
and there you shall be truly rewarded.

Spi. Well, sirra, then must thou be my hangman?

Chub. I by my troth, sir, for fault of a better.

Spi. Well, commend mee to little Pin, and pray her to re-
deeme my pawnd hose, they lye at the blue Bore for eleuen

The first part of

perce, and if my Hostesse will haue the other od peny, tell her she is a damn'd Bawd, and there is no truth in her score.

Chub. Take no thought, sir, for your paund hose; they are lowlie, and not worth the redeeming.

Spi. There is a Constable stickes in my minde; hee got my sword from me that night I should haue killed black *Ralphe* : if I had liu'd I would haue bin meet with him.

Chub. I sir, but heeres a thing shall take an order for that.

Spi. Commend me to blacke Luce, bounsing Bessie, & lussy Kate, and the other pretty morsels of mans flesh. Farewell, Pinke and Pinnesse, Flibote, and Caruell, Turnebull, and Spittle, I die like a man.

Chub. Oh Captaine *Spicing* thy vaine enticing brought me from my trade;

From good candles making, to this paine taking,
a Rebell to be made.

Therefore, *Ned Spicing*, to quit thy enticing,
this must be thy hope,

By one of thy fellowes to be led to the Gallowes,
to end in a rope.

Exeunt.

Enter Habs the Tanner of Tamworth.

Habs. Dudgeon, dost thou heare, looke well to Brocke my mare, driue Dunne and her faire and softly downe the hill, and take heede the thornes teare not the hornes of my Cow hides, as thou goest neare the hedges : ha, what saist thou, knaue, is the Bulles hide downe? why lay it vp againe, what care I? Ile meet thee at the stile, and helpe to set all straight. And yet God helpe its a crooked world, and an vnthrifty; for some that haue nere a shooe, had rather go bare foot, than buy clout-leather to mend the old, when they can buy no new, for they haue time enough to mend all, they sit so long between the cup and the wall; well, God amend them, God amend them. Let mee see by my executor heere, my leather pouch, what I haue taken, what I haue spent, what I haue gained, what I haue lost, & what I haue laid out : my taking is more than my spending, for here's store left. I haue spent but a groat; a peny for my two iades, a peny to the poore, a peny per

King Edward the fourth.

pot of Ale, and a peny Cake for my man and mee, a dicker of Cow-hides cost me.

Hear enter the Queene and Dutcheffe with their riding rods, unpinning their masks, Hobs goes forward.

S'nailes, who comes heer? mistris Ferris, or mistris what call ye her? Put vp, *John Hobs* mony tempts beauty.

Du. Well met, good fellow; sawst thou not the Hart?

Hob. My heart? God blesse me from seeing my heart,

Du. Thy heart? the Deer, man, we demand the Deer?

Hob. Doe ye demand what's dear? marry Corne & Cow-hides; Masse a good smug Lasse, well like my daughter *Nel*; I had rather than a bend of leather she and I might smoutch together.

Dutcheffe. cam'st thou not downe the wood?

Hobs. Yes, mistris, that I did.

Dutch. And sawst thou not the Deer imboast?

Hobs. By my hood ye make mee laugh, what the dickens is it loue that makes ye prate to mee so fondly? by my Fathers soule I would I had iobd faces with you.

Hunts. Why how now *Hobs*? so sawcy with the Dutcheffe and Queen-

Hobs. Much Queen, I trow; these be but women, and one of them is like my wench, I would shee had her raggs; I would giue a load of haire and horne, and a fat of leather, to match her with some lustice, by the meg holly.

Hunts. Be silent, Tanner, and aske pardon of the Queen.

Hobs. And you be the Queen, I cry you mercy, good mistris Queen.

Queen. No fault, my friend, Madam, let's take our bowes, and in the standing seek to get a shoote.

Dutcheffe. Come, bend our bowes, and bring the heard of Deer.

Exeunt.

Hobs. God send ye good standing, and good striking and fat flesh: see if all Gentlewomen bee not alike when their blacke faces be on, I tooke the Queene, as I am a true Tanner, for mistris Ferris.

Enter Sellerger and Howard in Greene.

The first part of

Hobs. Soft, who comes heer? more knaues yet?

Sel. Ho, good fellow; sawst thou not the King?

Hobs. No, good fellow; I saw no King: which King doost thou aske for?

Hov. Why, King *Edward*: what King is there else?

Hobs. There's another King, and ye could hit on him, one *Harry*, one *Harry*; and by our Lady, they say hee's the honestest man of the two.

Sel. Sirra, beware you speak not treason.

Hobs. What if I do?

Sel. Then thou shalt be hang'd.

Hob. A dogs death, ile not meddle with it. For by my troth, I know not when I speake treason, when I doe not: there's such halting betwixt two Kings, that a man cannot goe vp-right, but he shall offend one of them. I would God had them both, for me.

Hov. Well, thou sawst not the King?

Hob. No, is he in the country?

Hov. Hee's hunting heer at *Drayton Bassett*.

Hob. The diuell he is, God blesse his Mastership: I saw a woman heer, that they said was the Queen; shee's as like my daughter, as euer I see, but my daughter is the fairer.

Sel. Farewell, fellow, speak well of the King.

Exeunt.

Hob. God make him an honest man, I hope that's well spoken: for byth mousefoote, some giue him hard words; whether he zerues vm or not, let him looke to that; ile meddle of my cowhide, and let the world slide.

Enter the King disguised.

The diuell in a dung-cart: how these roysters swarme in the countrie, now the King is so neere! God liuer mee from this, for this lookes like a theefe, but a man cannot tell amongst these Court-nols who's true.

K. Ed. Holla, my friend; good fellow, prece thee stay.

Hob. No such matter, I haue more haste of my way.

K. Ed. If thou be a good fellow, let me borrow a word.

Hob. My purse thou meanest. I am no good fellow, and I pray God thou beest not one.

K. Ed.

King Edward the fourth.

K.Ed. Why, dost thou not loue a good fellow?

Hob. No: good fellowes be the cues.

K.Ed. Dost thou thinke I am one?

Hob. Thought is free, and thou art not my ghostly father.

K.Ed. I meane thee no harme.

Hob. Who knoweth that but thy selfe? I pray God hee spy not my purse.

K.Ed. On my troth I meane thee none.

Hob. Vpon thy oth ile slay: now, what saist thou to mee? Speake quickly, for my company staies for me beneath at the next stile.

K.Ed. The King is hunting heerabouts; didst thou see his Maiestie?

Hob. His Maiesty? what's that? his horse or his mare?

K.Ed. Tush, I meane his Grace.

Hob. Grace, quoth a? pray God he haue any: which King dost thou quire for?

K.Ed. Why, for King *Edward*: knowest thou any more Kings than one?

Hob. I know not so many, for I tell thee, I know none: marrie I heare of King *Edward*.

K.Ed. Didst thou see his Highnesse?

Hob. By my hollidame, that's the best tearme thou gau'st him yet: hee's high inough, but he has put poore King *Harry* low inough.

K.Ed. How low hath he put him?

Hob. Nay, I cannot tell, but he has put him downe: for he has got the crowne, much good doot him with it.

K.Ed. Amen. I like thy talke so well, I would I knew thy

Hob. Dost thou not know me? (name.

K.Ed. No.

Hob. Then thou knowest no-body: didst neuer heare of *John Hobs* the Tanner of *Tammworth*?

K.Ed. Not till now, I promise thee; but now I like thee wel.

Hob. So do not I thee. I feare thou art some out-rider that lues by taking of purses heer on *Bass* heath; but I feare thee not, for I haue wared all my money in Cowhides at *Colefist* market,

The first part of

market, and my man and mare are hardby at the hill foote.

K.Ed. Is that thy grey mare that's tied at the stile with the hides on hir backe?

Hobs. That's Brock my mare, and there's Dunne my nag, and *Dudgeon* my man.

K.Ed. Ther's neither man nor horse, but only one mare.

Ho. Gods blew budkin, has the knaue sero'd me so ffarewel: I may lose hides, hornes, & mare, & all, by prating with thee.

K.E. Tarry, man; tarry: theile sooner take my gelding then thy gray mare, for I haue tied mine by her.

Hobs. That will I see afore Ile take your word.

K.E. Ile beare thee company.

Hobs. I had as lieue goe alone.

Exeunt.

Enter the two Huntsmen againe with the bowes.

1 *Hunt.* Now on my troth, the Queene shoots passing well.

2 *Hunt.* So did the Dutchesse when she was as young.

1 *Hunt.* Age shakes the hand, & shootes both wide & short

2 *Hunt.* What haue they giuen vs?

1 *Hunt.* Six rose nobles iust.

2 *Hunt.* The Queene gaue foure.

1 *Hunt.* True, and the Dutchesse twaine.

2 *Hunt.* O! were we euer so paide for our paine?

1 *Hunt.* Tut! had the King come, as they said he would, he would haue rain'd vpon vs showers of gold.

2 *Hunt.* Why? he is hunting somewhere here-about; let's first go drinke, and then go seeke him out.

Exeunt.

Enter King Edward againe, and Hobs.

K.Ed. How saist thou, Tanner? wilt thou take my courser for thy mare?

Ho. Courser callst thou him? so ill mought I fare, thy skittish iade wil neither abid to carry my lether, my hornes nor hide. But if I were so mad to sorce, what boote wouldst thou giue me?

K. Nay boote, that's boote worthy, I look for boot of thee.

Hob. Ha, ha, a merry ligge, why man, Brocke my mare knowes ha and ree, and will stand when I cry ho, and let me get vp and down, and make water when I doe.

K.Ed.

King Edward the fourth.

K.Ed. He giue thee a Noble, if I like her pafe: lay thy Cow-hides on my saddle, and let's jog towards Drayton.

Hob. 'Tis out of my way: but I begin to like thee well.

K.Ed. Thou wilt like me better before we do part.

I preethee tell me, What say they of the King? (thee?)

Hob. Of the Kings thou mean'st: art thou no blab if I tell

K.Ed. If the King knowes not now, he shall neuer know it for me.

Hob. Masse, they say King *Harrie's* a very aduowtry man.

K.Ed. A deuout man: and what's King *Edward*?

H. Hee's a franke franion, a merry companion, and loues a wench well: they say he has married a poore widow, because shee's faire.

K. Dost like him the worfe for that?

H. No, by my seckins, but the better: for though I bee a plaine Tanner, I loue a faire lassie my selfe.

K. Preethee tell me, How loue they King *Edward*?

H. Faith, as poore folks loue holy-dayes; glad to haue them now and then, but to haue them come too often, will vndoo them: so to see the King now and then, 'tis comfort, but euery day would begger vs, and I may say to thee, we feare we shalbe troubled to lend him mony, for we doubt hee's but needy.

King. Wouldst thou lend him no mony, if he should need?

Hob. By my Hollidome, yes: he shall haue halfe my store, & ile sell soale-leather to help him to more.

K. Faith, whether louest thou better *Harry* or *Edward*?

H. Nay, that's counsel, & two may keep it, if one be away.

K. Shall I say my conscience? I thinke *Harry* is the true King.

H. Art aduis'd of that? *Harrie's* of the old house of Lancaster, and that progenity do I loue.

K. And thou dost not hate the house of York?

H. Why no: for I am iust a-kin to Sutton Wind-mill, I can grinde which way so e're the winde blow: if it bee *Harry*, I can say, Well fare Lancaster: if it bee *Edward*, I can sing, Yorke, Yorke for my mony.

The first part of

King. Thou art of my minde : but I say, *Harry* is the lawfull King, *Edward* is but an vsurper, and a foole, and a coward.

Hob. Nay, there thou liest : he has wit enough, and courage enough : dost thou not speak treason ?

King. I, but I knowe to whom I speak it.

Hob. Dost thou ? Well, if I were Constable, I should bee forsworne, if I set thee not in the stocks for it.

K. Well, let it go no further : for I did serue King *Harry*, and I loue him best, though now I serue King *Edward*.

Hob. Thou art the arranter knaue, to speak ill of thy master. But, sirra, what's thy name ? what office hast thou ? and what will the King do for thee ?

K. My name is *Ned* : I am the King's Buttlér, and hee will doe more for me than for any Noble-man in the Court.

Hob. The diuell he will : he's the more foole, and so Ile tell him if e're I see him : and I would I might see him in my poor house at Tamworth.

K. Go with me to the Court, & Ile bring thee to the King ; & what sute soe're thou haue to him, Ile warrant thee to speed.

H. I ha nothing to do at Court, Ile home with my Cow-hides : and if the King will cometo me, he shall be welcome.

K. Hast thou no sute touching thy trade, to transport hides, or sell leather onely in a certain circuit, or about Bark, or such like, to haue Letters Patents ?

H. By the Masse and the Mattens, I like not those Patents, sirra, they that haue them, do as the Priests did in old time, buy and sell the sinnes of the people : so they make the King beleue they mend what's amisse, and for money they make the thing worse than it is. There's another thing in it too, the more is the pity.

K. What pity, *Iohn Hobbs* ? I preethee say all.

Hobbs. Faith, that's pity, that one Subject should haue in his hand that which might do good to many, thorow the Land.

K. Saist thou me so, *Tanner* ? Well, let's cast lots whether thou shalt go with me to Drayton, or I go home with thee to Tamworth.

H. Lot me no lotting, Ile not go with thee : if thou wilt go with

King Edward the fourth.

with me, because thou art my Lieges man (and yet I think he has many honest) thou shalt be welcome to *John Hobs*; thou shalt be welcome to beefe and bacon, and perhaps a bagpudding: & my daughter *Nell* shall pop a posset vpon thee when thou goest to bed.

K. Here's my hand, ile but goe and see the King seru'd, and ile be at home as soone as thy selfe.

H. Dost hear, *Ned*? if I shall be thy Oast;
Make haste th'art best: for fear thou kisse the post.

Exit Hobs.

K. Farewell, *John Hobs*, the honest true Tanner.

I see plainemen, by observation

Of things that alter in the change of times,
Doe gather knowledge; and the meanest life,
Proportioned with content sufficient,
Is merrier than the mighty state of Kings.

How now, what newes bring ye, sirs?

Wher's the Queen?

*{ Enter How.
and Selleng.*

Sel. Her Highnesse and your mother, my dread Lord,

Are both invited by sir *Humphrey Bowes*:

Where they intend to feast, and lodge this night,
And doe expect your Graces presence there.

K. *Tom Sellenger*, I haue other businesse,
Astray from you and all my other traine.

I met a Tanner, such a merry mate,

So frolike, and so full of good conceit,

That I haue giuen my word to be his guest;

Because he knowes not that I am the King:

Good Cousin *Howard*, grudge not at the iest,

But greet my mother, and my wife from me,

Bid them be merrie, I must haue my humor,

Let them both sup and sleep when they see time:

Commend me kindly to sir *Humphrey Bowes*,

Tell him at breakfast, I will visit him.

This night, *Tom Sellenger* and I must feast

With *Hobs* the Tanner, there plaine *Ned* and *Tom*:

No King, nor *Sellenger* for a thousand pound.

F 2

Enter

The first part of

Enter a Messenger booted, with letters, and kneeling gives them to the King.

How. The Queen and Dutches will be discontent, Because his Highnesse comes not to the feast.

Sel. Sir *Humphrey Bowes* may take the most conceit, But what's the end, the King will haue his pleasure?

King. Good newes, my boyes, *Harry* the sixt is dead; peruse that letter: sirra, drinke you that, *gives his purse*, and stay not; but poste backe againe for life, and thank my brother *Gloster* for his newes: commend mee to him, ile see him to morrow night. How like you it, sirs?

Sel. Oh, passing well, my Liege, you may be merry for this happy newes.

King. The merrier with our Oast the Tanner, *Tom*. My Lord, take you that letter to the Ladies, Bid them be merry with the second course; And if we see them not before we goe, Pray them to iourney easily after vs:

Weel poste to London, so good night, my Lord. *Exeunt.*

Enter Hobs and his daughter Nell.

Hobs. Come, *Nell*, come daughter, is your hands and your face washed?

Nel. I, forsooth father.

Hobs. You must bee cleanly, I tell you: for there comes a Courtinor hither to night, the Kings Masterships Butler, *Ned*, a spruce youth: but beware you be not in loue nor ouertaken by him, for Courtiers be slippery lads.

Nel. No, forsooth father.

Hob. Gods blessing on thee, that halfe yeeres schooling at *Litchfield*, was better to thee than house and land; it has put such manners into thee, I forsooth and no forsooth at euerie word: you haue a clean smock on, I like your apparell well, is supper ready?

Nel. I, forsooth father.

Hob. Haue we a good barley bagpudding, a piece of fat bacon, a good cow heele, a hard cheese, and a browne loaf?

Nel. All this forsooth: and more, ye shall haue a posset, but indeed

King Edward the fourth.

indeed the rats haue spoyled your hard cheefe.

Hob. Now the diuell choake them, so they haue eate mee a farthing candle the other night.

Dudgeon within. What, Master, Master?

Hob. How now, knaue, what saist thou, *Dudgeon*?

Dnd. Heer's guests come, wher's *Hellen*?

Hob. What guests be they?

Dnd. A Courtrol, one *Ned* the Kings Butcher, he saies, and his friend too.

Hob. *Ned* the Kings Butcher? ha, ha, the Kings Butler; take their horses, and walke them, and bid them come neer house.

Nell, lay the cloth, and supper o'th boord.

Exit Nell.

Enter King Edward and Sellanger.

Mas, heer's *Ned* indeed, and another misproud Ruffian:

Welcome, *Ned*, I like thy honesty, thou keepest promise.

K. Ed. I faith, honest Tanner, ile euer keepe promise with thee: preethee bid my friend welcome.

Hob. By my troth, yee are both welcome to Tamworth: friend, I know not your name.

Sel. My name is *Tom Twist*.

Hob. Beleeue ye that list: but yee are welcome both, and I like you both well but for one thing.

Sel. What's that?

Hob. Nay, that I keepe to my selfe: for I sigh to see and think, that pride brings many one to extruction.

King. Preethee tell vs thy meaning.

Hob. Troth, I doubt yee ne're came truly by all these gay ragges. 'Tis not your bare wages, and thinne fees ye haue of the King, can keepe yee thus fine: but eyther ye must rob the King priuily, or his subiects openly, to maintaine your prodigality.

Sel. Thinkest thou so, Tanner?

Hob. 'Tis no matter what I think, come, let's go to supper: What, *Nell*, what, *Dudgeon*? where be these folkes?

Enter Nell, and Dudgeon, with a Table covered.

Daughter, bid my friends welcome.

Nel. Ye are welcome, Gentlemen, as I may say.

The first part of

Sol. I thankeye, faire maide.

K. A pretty wench by my fay.

Hob. How likest her, *Ned*?

K. I like her so well, I would you would make me your son in law.

Hob. And I like thee so well, *Ned*, that hadst thou an occupation: for seruice is no heritage: A young courtier, and an old begger, I could finde in my heart to cast her away vpon thee; and if thou wilt forsake the Court and turn Tanner, or bind thy selfe to a Shoemaker in *Litchfield*: ile giue thee twenty nobles ready money with my *Nel*, and trust thee with a dicker of leather, to set up thy trade.

Sol. *Ned*, he offers you faire, if you haue the grace to take it.

K. He does indeed, *Tom*, and heerafter ile tell him more.

Hob. Come, sit down to supper: go too, *Nel*, no more sheeps cies, ye may be caught: I tell you these be licorish lads.

Nel. I warrant you father: yet in truth *Ned* is a very proper man, and tother may serue, but *Ned*'s a pearle in my eye.

Hob. Daughter, call *Dudgeon* and his fellowes, weel haue a threemans song, to make our guessts merry. *Exit Nel.*

Nailles, what Courtnols are ye? yeel neither talk nor eat: What newes at Court? doe somewhat for your meat.

K. Heaue newes there, King *Henry* is dead.

Hob. That's light newes and merry for your master *K. Ed.*

K. But how will the Commons take it?

Hob. Well, God be with good King *Henry*: faith the Commons will take it as a common thing, death's an honest man, for hee spares not the King: for as one comes, anothers tane away, and seldome comes the better, that's all we say.

Sol. Shrewdly spoken, Tanner, by my fay.

Hob. Come, fill mee a cup of mother *Whetstones* Ale, that I may drinke to my friends, and drue downe my tale.

Heer, *Ned* and *Tom*, I drink to yee: and yet if I come to the Court, I doubt yeel not know me.

K. Yes, *Tom* shall be my surety, Tanner, I will know thee.

Sol. If thou dost not, *Ned*, by my troth I beshrew thee.

K. I drink to my wife that may be.

Sol.

King Edward the fourth.

Sel. Faith, *Ned*, thou maist liue to make her a Lady.

K. Tush, her father offers nothing, hauing no more children but her.

Hob. I would I had not, condition she had all. But I haue a knaue to my son, I remember him by you: enen such an vn-thrift as one of you two, that spends all on gay clothes and new fashions, and no worke will downe with him, that I fear hee'l be hang'd. God bleesse you from a better fortune, yet you weare such filthy breeks. Lord, were not this a good fashion? I, and would saue many a faire penny.

K. Let that passe, and let vs hear your song.

H. Agreed, agreed, come sol, sol, sol, fa, fa, fa: say *Dodgeon*.

Here they sing the threemans Song.

*Agencourt, Agencourt, know ye not Agencourt,
Where the English slew and hurt
all the French-foemen?*

*With our Gunnes and Billas browne,
O the French were beaten downe,
Morris pikes and bowmen, &c.*

Sel. Well sung, good fellowes, I would the King heard yee.

Hob. So would I, faith, I should straine a noate for him: Come, take away, and let's to bedde: yee shall haue cleane sheets, *Ned*, but they bee course, good strong hempe, of my daughters owne spinning; and I tell thee, your Chamber-pot must be a faire horne, a badge of our occupation, for wee buy no bending pewter, nor breaking earth.

K. No matter, *Hob*s, we will not goe to bed.

Hob. What then?

K. Euen what thou wilt: for it is neer day,
Tanner, Gramercies for our hearty chear,
If e're it be thy chance to come to Court,
Enquire for me *Ned*, the Kings buttler:
Or *Tom* of the Kings chamber my companion,
And see what welcome we will giue thee there.

H. I haue heard of Courtiers haue said as much as you, and when they haue been try'd, would not bid their friends drink.

Sel. 1.

The first part of

Sol. We are none such : let our horses be brought out,
For we must away, and so with thanks farewell.

Hob. Farewell, ye both : commend me to the King, and tell
him, I would have been glad to seen his Worship here. *Exit.*

King. Come, *Tom*, for London : horse, and hence away.

*Enter Vice- Admirall and the Captaine of the Ile of Wight, with
Falconbridge bound, the Headsman bearing
the axe before him.*

Mor. *Thomas Newill*, yet hast thou gracious time
Of dear repentance, now discharge thy conscience :
Lay open thine offences to the world,
That we may witnesse thou dost dye a Christian.

Fal. Why, sir *Harry Morton*, haue you arraign'd,
Condemn'd, and brought me to this place
Of bloody execution ; and now aske
If I be guilty ? therein doth appeare,
What iustice you haue vsed : call you this law ?

Ca. Thou dost mistake our meaning, *Falconbridge* :
We doe not aske, as being ignorant
Of thy transgression, but as vrging thee
To hearty sorrow for thy vile misdeeds,
That Heauen may take compassion on thy soule.

Fal. How charitable you would seem to be ?
I feare anon, youle say it is for loue,
You bind me thus and lead me to the block ;
And that of meer affection you are mou'd
To cut my head off : cunning policy.
Such butchers as your selues are, neuer want
A colour to excuse your slaughterous minde.

Mor. We butcher thee ? canst thou deny thy selfe,
But thou hast been a Pyrate on the sea ?
Canst thou deny, but with the communalty
Of Kent and Essex, thou didst rise in armes,
And twice assault the City *London*, where
Thou twice didst take repulse ? and since that time,
Canst thou deny, that being fled from hence,

Thou

King Edward the fourth.

Thou ioynedst in confederacy with *France*,
And cam'st with them to burne *South-hampton* heer?
Are these no faults, thou should'st so much presume
To cleer thy selfe, and lay thy blood on vs?

Fal. Heare me, sir *Harry*, since we must dispute.

Ca. Dispute, vnciuill wretch, what needs dispute?
Did not the Vice-admirall heer, and I,
Incountring with the nauy of the French,
Attach thee in a ship of *Normandy*:
And wilt thou stand vpon thy innocence?
Dispatch, thou art as rightfully condemn'd,
As euer Rebell was: And thou shalt dye.

Fal. I make no question of it, I must dye:
But let me tell you how I scorne your threats:
So little doe I reckon of the name
Of ougly death, as were he visible,
I'd wrastle with him for the victory,
And tug the slaue, and teare him with my teeth,
But I would make him stoop to *Falconbridge*:
And for this life, this paultry brittle life,
This blast of wind, which you haue laboured so,
By Iuries, Sessions, and I know not what,
To rob me of, is of so vild repute,
That to obtaine that I might liue mine age,
I would not giue the value of a point:
You cannot be so cruell to afflict,
But I will be as forward to endure.

Mor. Go to, leaue off these idle braues of thine,
And thinke vpon thy soules health, *Falconbridge*.

Ca. Submit, and aske forgiveness of the King.

Fal. What King?

Mor. Why, *Edward* of the house of *Yorke*.

Fal. He is no King of mine, he does vsurpe:
And if the destinies had giuen me leaue,
I would haue told him so before this time,
And puld the Diademe from off his head.

Mor. Thou art a traitor, stop the traitors mouth,

G

Fal.

The first part of

Fal. I am no traitor, Lancaster is King :
If that be treason to defend his right,
What is't for them that doe imprison him ?
If insurrection do aduance his scepter,
What fault is theirs that step into his throne ?
Oh God, thou powd'st the balme vpon his head :
Can that pure vnction be wip't off again ?
Thou once didst crown him in his infancy :
Shall wicked men now in his age depose him ?
Oh, pardon me ; if I expostulate
More than becomes a sinfull man to do :
England, I feare thou wilt thy folly rue.

Ca. Thou triflest time, and dost but weary vs
With dilatorie questions, make an end.

Fal. Indeed, the end of all kingdomes must end,
Honour and riches, all must haue an end ;
And he that thinkes he doth the most preuaile,
His head once laid, there resteth but a tale :
Come, fellow, doe thy office : what, methinkes,
Thou look'st as if thy heart were in thy hose,
Pull vp thy spirits : it will be quickly done,
A blow or two at most will serue the turne.

Head. Forgiue me, sir, your death.

Fal. Forgiue thee ? I, and giue thee too,
Hold, there is some few crownes for thee to drinke :
Tush, weep not, man, giue losers leaue to plaine,
And yet ifaith, my losse I count but gaine.
First, let me see, is thy axe sharpe inough ?
I, indifferent, well a Gods name to this geare.

Head. Come, and yeeld your head gently to the block..

Fal. Gently, saist thou ? thou wilt not vse me so,
But all is one for that : what strength thou hast
Throughout the whole proportion of thy limbes
Reuoke it all into thy manly armes ;
And spare me not, I am a Gentleman,
A *Newill*, and a *Falconbridge* beside :
Then doe thy worke, thou maist get credit by it :

For

• *King Edward the fourth.*

For if thou dost not, I must tell thee plaine,
I shall be passing angry when 'tis done.

Head. I warrant you, sir, none in the Land shall
doe it better.

Fal. Why now thou pleasest me : *England, farewell,*
And old *Plantagenet*, if thou suruiue,
Thinke on my loue, although it did not thrive.

He is led forth.

Mor. As for his head, it shall be sent with speed
To *London*; and the promised reward,
Allotted for the apprehending him,
Be giuen vnto the poore of *Southampton* heer :
How say you, Captaine, are you so content?

Ca. With all my heart : but I doe maruell much
We heare not of the Messenger we sent,
To giue the King intelligence of this?

M. Take truce with your surmises : here he comes.

Enter a Messenger.

Fellow, it seemes that thou art slow of gate,
Or very negligent in our affaires :
What saies King *Edward* to our seruice done?

Mes. To answer you directly and briefly,
I spake not with him : for when I was come
To *Drayton Bassett*, where they said he was,
'Twas told me there, that euen the night before,
His Highnesse in all haste was rid to *London* :
The occasion, *Henries* death within the Tower,
Of which the people are in sundry tales:
Some thinking he was murdered, some againe,
Supposing that he died a naturall death.

Mor. Well, how soe're : that concernes not vs,
We haue to doe with no mans death,
That for high treason heer hath lost his head.
Come, let vs giue direction as before,
And afterward make back vnto the shore.

Exeunt.

*Enter the Lord Maior in a scarlet gowne,
with a gilded rapier by his side.*

G 2

Ma.

The first part of

Ma. I marie, Crosby, this befits thee well :
But some will maruaile, that with a scarlet gowne,
I weare a gilded Rapier by my side :
Why, let them know, I was knighted in the field,
For my good seruice to my Lord the King;
And therefore I may weare it lawfully,
In Court, in Citie, or at any royall banquet :
But soft, *Iohn Crosbie*, thou forget'st thy selfe,
And dost not minde thy parentage,
Where thou wast born, and whence thou art deriu'd :
I do not shame to say, the Hospitall
Of *London* was my chiefest fostering place,
There did I learne, that neer vnto a Crosse,
Commonly cal'd Cow-Crosse neer *Issington*,
An honest Citizen did chance to finde me :
A poore Shoemaker by his trade he was,
And doubting of my Christendome or no,
Cald me, according to the place he found me,
Iohn Crosby, finding me so by a Crosse,
The masters of the Hospitall a further yeeres,
Bound me apprentize to the Grocers trade,
Wherein God pleas'd to blesse my poore endeouours,
That by his blessing I am come to this :
The man that found me, I haue well requited,
And to the Hospitall my fostering place,
An hundred pound a yeere I giue for euer.
Likewise in memory of me *Iohn Crosby*,
In Bishopsgate street a poore house haue I built,
And as my name, haue cald it *Crosby* house ;
And when as God shall take me from this life,
In little S. Helens I will be buried :
All this declares, I boast not of my birth,
But found on earth, I must returne to earth.
But God for his pittie I forget my selfe,
The King my Soueraigne Lord will come anon,
And nothing is as yet in readinesse :
Where are ye, cousin *Shore* ? nay, where is *Mistris Shore* ?

Oh

King Edward the fourth.

Oh I am sorry that she staies so long:
See what it is to be a widower,
And lacke a La. Maiorelle in such need !

Enter M. Shoare and Mistris Shoare.

Oh are ye come ? welcome, good coulin *Shoare* :
But you indeed are welcome, gentle Niece,
Needs must you be our La. Maiorelle now,
And helpevs, or else we are sham'd for euer :
Good coulin, still thus am I bold with you.

Sho. With all my heart, my Lord, and thank ye too,
That you doe please to vse our homely helpe.

Ma. Why, see how neatly she bestirs her selfe,
And, in good sooth, makes huswifery to shine ?
Ah, had my La. Maiorelle liu'd to see
Faيرة Mistris *Shoare* thus beautifie her house,
She would haue been not little proud thereof.

Ia. Well, my L. Maior, I thank you for that flout :
But let his Highnesse now come when he please,
All things are in a perfect readinesse.

They bring forth a table, and serue in the banquet.

Ma. The more am I beholding, Niece, to you,
That take such paines to saue our credit now :
My seruants are so slack, his Maieslie
Might haue been heer, before we were prepar'd :
But peace, here comes his Highnesse.

The Trumpets sound, and enters King Edward,

How. Sel. and the traine.

K. Now, my L. Maior, haue we not kept our word ?
Because we could not stay to dine with you
At our departure hence ; we promised,
First food we tasted at our back returne,
Should be with you ; still yeelding hearty thanks
To you and to our *London* Citizens :
For the great seruice which you did perform
Against that bold-fac'd Rebell *Falconbridge*.

Ma. My gracious Lord, what then we did,

The first part of

We did account no more then was our duty,
Thereto obliged by true subjects zeale :
And may he neuer liue, that not defends
The honour of his King and Country.
Next, thank I God itlikes your Maiestie
To blesse my poore roose with your royall presence
To me could come no greater happinesse.

K. Thanks, my *L. Maior*: but wher's my *La. Maioreffe*,
I hope that she will bid vs welcometoo?

Ma. She would, my *Liege*, and with no little ioy,
Had she but liu'd to see this blessed day ;
But in her stead this Gentlewoman heer,
My cousins wife, that office will supply :
How say you, mistris *Shoare*?

K. How ? mistris *Shoare* ? what not his wife
That did refuse his Knight-hood at our hand ?

Ma. The very same, my *Lord*, and heer he is.

K. What, *M. Shoare*, we are your debter still,
But by Gods grace intend not so to die :
And, Gentlewoman, now before your face,
I must condemne him of discourtesie ;
Yea, and of great wrong that he hath offered you,
For you had been a Lady but for him :
He was in fault, trust me he was to blame,
To hinder vertue of her due by right.

Ia. My gracious *L.* my poore and humble thoughts
Ne're had an eye to such great worthinesse :
And though some hold it as a maxime,
That womens minds by nature do aspire,
Yet how, both God and *M. Shoare* I thank,
For my continuance in this humble state ;
And likewise how I loue your Maiesty,
For gracious sufferance that it may be so,
Heauen bear true record of my inward soule :
Now it remaines, on my *Lord Maiors* behalfe,
I doe such duty as becommeth me,
To bid your Highnesse welcome to his house :

Were

King Edward the fourth.

Were welcomes vertue powerfull in my word,
The King of England should not doubt thereof.

K. Nor doe I, mistris *Shoare*: now, my L. Maior,
Edward dare boldly sweare that he is welcome:
You spake the word well, very well ifaith,
But mistris *Shoare* her tongue hath gilded it:
Tell me, cousin *Howard*, and *Tom Sellenger*,
Had euer Citizen so faire a wife?

How. Of flesh and blood I neuer did behold
A woman euery way so absolute.

Sel. Nor I, my Liege: were *Sellenger* a King,
He could afford *Shoares* wife to be a Queen.

K. Why, how now, *Tom*? nay, rather how now, *Ned*?
What change is this? proud, saucy, roauing eye,
What, whisper't in my braine that she is faire?
I know it, I see it, fairer than my Queen?
Wilt thou maintaine it? what, and thou traitor heart,
Would'st thou shake hands in this conspiracy?
Downe rebell, back, base treacherous conceit,
I will not credit thee: my *Besse* is faire,
And *Shoares* wife but a blowze, compar'd to her:
Come, let vs sit, here will I take my place;
And, my L. Maior, fill me a bowle of wine,
That I may drink to your elected Maioreffe:
And, M. *Shoare*, tell me how like you this,
My L. Maior makes your wife his L. Maioreffe?

Sho. So well, my Lord, as better cannot be,
All in the honor of your Maiestie.

*The Lord Maior brings a bowle of wine, and humbly on
his knees offers it to the King.*

K. Nay, drinke to vs, L. M. weel haue it so:
Go to I say, you are our Father now,
Drinke then, and we will pledge yc.

M. All health and happinelle to my Soueraign. *he drinks.*

K. Fill full our cup: and, Lady Maioreffe,
This full carowse we meane to drink to you,
And you must pledge vs, but yet no more.

Then

The first part of

Then you shall please to answer vs withall.

*He drinks, and the Trumpets sound, then wine is brought
to her, and she offers to drinke.*

Nay, you must drinke to some body : yea, Tom, to thee.

Well, sirra, see you do her right :

For Edward would, oh, would to God he might.

Yet, idle eye, wilt thou be gadding ?

Keep home, keep home for feare of further ill.

Enter a Messenger with letters.

How now ? letters to vs, from whom ?

Mef. My Liege, this from the D. of Burgundy,
And this is from the Constable of France.

K. What newes from them ?

He opens the letter, and reads.

To claime our right in France,

And they will aid vs : yea, will ye so ?

But other aide must aide vs, ere we go :

*He seems to read the letters, but glances on Mistris
Shoore in his reading :*

A womans aide, that hath more power than France

To crowne vs, or to kill vs with mischance :

If chaste resolute be to such beauty tyed,

Sue how thou canst, thou wilt be still denied.

Her husband hath deserued well of thee :

Tut, loue makes no respect where e're it be.

Thou wrong'st the Queen : euery enforced ill

Must be indur'd, where beautie seeks to kill.

Thou seem'st to read, only to blind their eies,

Who knowing it, thy folly would despise.

He starts from the Table.

Thanks for my cheare, L. Maior, I am not well :

I know not how to take this newes : This fit I meane,

That hath bereft me of all reason clean,

M. God shield my Soueraigne.

K. Nay, nothing : I shall be well anon.

Iane. May it please your Highnesse sit.

K. I, faine with thee : nay, we must needs be gone.

Cousin

King Edward the fourth.

Cousin *Howard*, convey these letters to our Councell,
And bid them giue vs their aduice of them :
Thanks for my cheare, L. Maior, farewell to you,
And farewell, mistris *Shoare*, La. Maioreesse I should say,
'Tis you haue caus'd our parting at this time :
Farewell, M. *Shoare*, farewell to all,
Weel meet once more to make amends for this.

Exeunt King, How. and Sel.

Ma. O God, heer to beill?

My house to cause my Soueraigns discontent ?
Cousin *Shoare*, I had rather spent. (humors:

Sho. Content your selfe, my Lord, Kings haue their
The letters did containe somewhat, no doubt,
That did displease him.

La. So, my Lord, thinke I,
But by Gods helpe he will be well againe.

Ma. I hope so too : well, Cousin, for your paines
I can but thanke you, chiefly you, faire Niece,
At night I pray yee both come sup with me :
How say ye ? will ye ?

Sho. Yes, my Lord, we will.
So for this time we humbly take our leaue.

Exeunt Shoare and his wife.

Ma. Oh, how the suddaine sicknesse of my Liege,
Afflicts my soule with many passions ?
His Highnesse did intend to be right merry.
And God he knowes, how it would glad my soule,
If I had seene his Highnesse satisfied
With the poore entertainment of his Maior ;
His humble vassaile, whose lands, whose life and all
Are, and in duty must be alwayes his.
Well, God, I trust, will blesse his Graces health,
And quickly ease him of his sudden fit :
Take away there, ho, rid this place,
And God of heaven blesse my Soueraignes Grace.

Exit.

*Enter two Promices preparing the Goldsmiths
shop with plate.*

H

1. Prom.

The first part of

1. *Pren.* Sirra, Iacke, come, set out.

2. *Pren.* You are the elder Prentice : I pray you doe it , lest my mistris talke with you when she comes downe , what is it a clocke ?

1. *Pren.* Six by Alhallowes.

2. *Pren.* Lying and stealing will bring you to the Gallowes : Is heer all the plate ?

1. *Pren.* I, that must serue to day :
Where is the weights and ballance ?

2. *Pren.* All ready, harke, my mistris comes. *Exit. 1. Pren.*

Enter Mistris Shoare with her worke in her hand.

1a. Sir boy, while I attend the shop my selfe,
See if the workeman haue dispatch't the Cup,
How many ounces weighs it ?

2. *Pren.* Twenty, forsooth.

1a. What said the Gentleman to the fashion ?

2. *Pren.* He told my master : I was not within.

1a. Goe, sir, make haste, your master is in Cheap-side :
Take heed ye were best your loitring be not spide.

The boy departs, and she sits sowing in her shop.

Enter the King disguised.

K. Well fare a case to put a King in yet :
Good mistris Shoare, this doth your loue procure,
This shape is secret, and I hope 'tis sure :
The Watermen that daily vse the Court,
And see me often, know me not in this,
At Lyon-key I landed in their view,
Yet none of them tooke knowledge of the King :
If any Gallant strue to haue the wall,
He yeeld it gently : soft, here must I turne,
Heer's Lumbard street, and heer's the Pellican,
And ther's the Phenix in the Pellicans nest :
O rare perfection of rich natures worke !
Bright twinkling sparke of precious Diamond,
Of greater value than all India :
Were there no Sun, by whose kind louely heat
The earth brings forth those stones we hold of price,

Her

King Edward the fourth.

Her radiant eyes deiected to the ground,
Would turne each Peble to a Diamond :
Gaze, greedy eyes, and be not satisfied,
Till ye finde rest where hearts desire doth bide.

Ia. What would you buy, sir, that you look on here?

K. Your fairest iewell, be it not too deare.

First, how this Saphire, mistris, that you weare ?

Ia. Sir, it is right, that will I warrant you :

No Jeweller in *London* shewes a better.

K. No, nor the like, you praise it passing well.

Ia. Do I ? no, if some Lapidary had the stone, more would not buy it than I can demand : 'Tis as well set, I thinke, as e're you saw.

K. 'Tis set indeed vpon the fairest hand that e're I saw.

Ia. You are dispos'd to iest : but for value, his Maiesty might weare it.

K. Might he, ifaith.

Ia. Sir, 'tis the Ring I mean.

K. I meant the hand.

Ia. You are a merry man, I see,

You came to cheape, and not to buy.

K. Yet he that offers fairer than ile doe,
Shall hardly finde a partner in his bargaine.

Ia. Perhaps, in buying things of so small value.

K. Rather, because no wealth can purchase it.

Ia. He were too fond, that would so highly prize
The thing, which once was giuen away for loue.

K. His hap was good that came so easily by it.

Ia. The gift so small, that askt, who could deny it ?

K. Oh, she gaue more, that such a gift then gaue,
Than earth e're had, or world shall euer haue.

Ia. His hap is ill, should it be as you say :
That hauing giuen him what you rate so high,
And yet is still the poorer by the match.

K. That easily prooues he doth not know the worth.

Ia. Yet hauing had the vse of it so long,
It rather prooues you ouer-rate the thing.

The first part of

He being a Chapman, as it seemes you are,

K. Indeed none should aduenture on the thing,
That's to be purchast only by the King.

Ia. If Kings loue that which no man else respects,
It may be so: else doe I see small reason,
A King should take delight in such course stuffe.

K. LIVES there a King, that would not giue his crowne,
To purchase such a kingdome of content?

Ia. In my conceit, right well you aske that question,
The world, I think, contains no such fond King.

K. Why, mistress *Shoore*, I am the man will doe it.

Ia. It's proudly spoke, although I not belecue it,
Were he K. *Edward* that should offer it.

K. But shall I haue it?

Ia. Vpon what acquaintance?

K. Why, since I saw thee last,

Ia. Where was that?

K. At the L. Maiors, in prefence of the King.

Ia. I haue forgotten that I saw you there:
For there were many that I tooke small note of.

K. Of me you did, and we had some discourse.

Ia. You are deceiued, Sir, I had then no time,
For my attendance on his Maiesty.

K. Ile gage my hand vnto your hand of that,
Looke well vpon me.

He discovers himselfe.

Ia. Now I beseech you, let this strange disguise
Excuse my boldnesse to your Maiestie:

(She kneeles.)

What euer we possesse, is all your Highnesse,
Only mine honor which I cannot grant.

K. Only thy loue (bright Angell) *Edward* craues,
For which I thus aduentured to see thee.

Enter M. Shoore.

Ia. But heere comes one, to whom I only gaue it,
'And he, I doubt, will say you shall not haue it.

K. Am I so soone cut off? oh spight:
How say you, mistress, will you take my offer?

Ia.

King Edward the fourth.

Ia. Indeed I cannot, sir, afford it so.

K. Youk not be offered fairer, I belecue.

Ia. Indeed you offer like a Gentleman;

But yet the iewell will not be so left.

Sbo. Sir, if you bid not too much vnder-foot,
He driue the bargaine twixt you and my wife.

K. Alas, good *Shoare*, my selfe dare answer no. *King aside.*

Nothing can make thee such a iewell forgoe:

She saith thou shalt be too much loser by it.

Sbo. See in the Row then, if you can speed better.

K. See many worlds arow, afford not like.

As he goes forth, Shoare looks earnestly, and perceives it is the King, whereat he seemeth greatly discontented.

Ia. Why look'st thou, *Mat*? know'st thou the Gentleman?

Alas, what ailes thee that thou look'st so pale?

What cheare, sweet heart? alas, where hast thou been?

Sbo. Nay nothing, *Iane*, know you the Gentleman?

Ia. Not I, sweet heart, alas, why doe you aske?

Is he thine enemy?

Sbo. I cannot tell:

What came he heer to cheapen at your shop?

Ia. This iewell, loue.

Sbo. Well, I pray God he came for nothing else.

Ia. Why, who is it? I doe suspect him, *Shoare*,

That you demand thus doubtfully of me.

Sbo. Ah, *Iane*, it is the King.

Ia. The King, what then? is't for that thou sigh'st?

Were he a thousand Kings, thou hast no cause

To feare his presence, or suspect my loue.

Sbo. I know I haue not, see, he comes againe.

The King enters againe, muffled in his cloake.

King. Still is my hindrer there? be patient, heart,

Some fitter season must asswage thy smart.

What, will you take that, mistress, which I offered you?

I come againe, sir, as one willing to buy.

Ia. Indeed I cannot, sir, I pray you

The first part of

Deale with my husband, heare what he will say.

Sho. Ile sell it worth your mony, if you please :

I pray you come neere, sir.

K. I am too neere already, thou so neere :

Nay, nay, she knowes what I did offer her,

And in good sadnesse, I can giue no more :

So fare you well, sir, I will not deale with you.

Exit.

Ia. You are deceiu'd (sweet heart) 'tis not the King.

Thinke you he would aduenture thus alone?

Sho. I doe assure thee, *Iane*, it is the King :

Oh God, twixt the extremes of loue and feare,

In what a shiuering ague sits my soule?

Keep we our treasure secret, yet so fond

As set so rich a beautie as this is,

In the wide view of euery gazers eye?

Oh traitor beautie, oh deceitfull good,

That dost conspire against thy selfe and loue :

No sooner got, but wisht againe of others,

In thy owne selfe, iniurious to thy selfe :

Oh rich poore portion, thou good euill thing,

How many ioyfull woes still dost thou bring?

Ia. I preethee come, sweet loue, and sit by mee,

No King that's vnder heauen ile loue likethee.

Exit.

Enter sir Humphrey Bowes, and master Aston, being two

Iustices, Harry Grudgen, Robert Goodfellow,

and Iohn Hobs the Tanner.

Bow. Neighbours and friends, the cause that you are called,

Concernes the Kings most excellent Maiestie,

Whose right you know by his Progenitors,

Vnto the Crowne and Soueraigntie of France,

Is wrongfully detained by the French;

Which to reuenge and royally regaine,

His Highnesse meanes to put himselfe in armes,

And in his princely person to conduct

His warlike troopes against the enemye :

But, for his Coffers are vnfurnished,

Through ciuill discord and intestine warre,

(Whose

King Edward the fourth.

(Whose bleeding scarres our eyes may yet behold)
He prates his faithfull louing Subiects helpe,
To further this his iust great enterprize.

Hobs. So the fecke and meaning, whereby as it
were of all your long purgation, Sir *Humphrey*, is
no more in some respect, but the King wants mony,
and would haue some of his Commentie.

Bow. Tanner, you rightly vnderstand the matter.

Ast. Note this withall: where his dread Maiestie,
(Our lawfull Soueraigne, and most royall King)
Might haue exacted or impos'd a Taxe,
Or borrowed greater summes than we can spare,
(For all we haue, is at his dread command)
He doth not so: but mildly doth entreat
Our kind beneuolence, what we will glue,
With willing minds towards this mighty charge.

Enter Lord Howard.

Which to receiue, his noble Councillour
And kinsman the Lord *Howard* here is come.

How. Now, good Sir *Humphrey Bowes*, and M. *Aston*,
Haue ye declared the Kings most gracious pleasure?

Bow. We haue, my Lord.

How. His Highnesse will not force,
As loane or tribute: but will take your gift
In gratefull part, and recompence your loue.

Bow. To shew my loue, though mony now be scarce,
A hundreth pound ile giue his Maiestie.

How. 'Tis well, Sir *Humphrey*.

Aston. I a hundreth markes.

How. Thanks, master *Aston*, you both shew your loue:
Now aske your neighbours what they will bestow.

Bow. Come, master *Hadland*, your beneuolence.

Had. O good Sir *Humphrey*, doe not racke my purse:
You know my state, I lately sold my land.

Aston. Then you haue mony, let the King haue part.

Hob. I, do, master *Hadland*, do: they say ye sold a foule deale
of durty land for faire gold and siluer, let the King haue some
now.

The first part of

now while you haue it, for if ye bee forborne a while, all will bespent: for he that cannot keep land that lies fast, will haue much adoo to hold mony, it's slippery ware, 'tis melting ware, 'tis melting ware.

Hob. Gramercy, Tanner.

Bow. Say, what shall we haue?

Hadland. My forty shillings.

Aston. Robert Goodfellow,

I know you will be liberall to the King.

Good. O M. *Aston*, be content, I pray you:

You know my charge, my household very great,

And my house-keeping holds me very bare,

Threescore vprising and down-lying, sir,

Spends no small store of vittales in a yeare;

Two brace of Greyhounds, xx. couple of Hounds,

And then my iades deuoure a deale of corne:

My Christmas cost, and then my friends that come,

Amounts to charge: I am *Robin Goodfellow*,

That welcomes all, and keeps a frolick house,

I haue no mony, pray ye pardon me.

Hob. Heer's a plaine Tanner can teach you how to thrive,

Keep fewer dogs, and then ye may feed men:

Yet feed no idle men, 'tis needlesse charge.

You that on Hounds and hunting mates will spend,

No doubt but something to your King youle lend.

Good. My brace of angels, by my troth, that's all.

Hob. Masse, and 'tis well the curs haue left so much:

I thought they would haue eaten vp thy house and land ere this.

Bow. Now, *Harry Grudgen*.

Grudgen. What would ye haue of mee? mony I haue none, and ile sell no stocke: heer's old polling, subsidie, fifteene, souldiers, and the poore: and you may haue your will, youle soone shut me out of doore.

Hob. Heare yee, worships, will ye let mee answer my neighbour *Grudgen*? By my hallidome, *Harry Grudgen*, th'art but a grumbling, gruding Charle: thou hast two ploughs going,
and

King Edward the fourth.

and ne're a Cradle rocking, th'ast a pecke of mony: goe to, turner thee loose, thou'lt go to law with the Vicar for a tythe-Goose, and wilt not spare the King foure or five pound.

Grudgen. Gep, goodman Tanner, are you so round? your prolicatenesse has brought your son to the Gallowes almost: you can be franke of another mans cost.

Hob. Th'art no honest man to twit me with my sonne, he may outliue thee yet for ought that he hath done: my sonne's i'th Gaile: is he the first that hath been there? and thou wert a man, as th'art a beast, I would haue thee by the eares.

How. Friend, thou wantest nurture, to vpbraide a father *Weeping.*
With a sonnes fault: we sit not heer for this:
What's thy beneuolence to his Maiesty?

Hob. His, benegligence? hang him, heel not giue a penny willingly.

Grudg. I care not much to cast away forty pence.

How. Out, grudging Pefant, base, ill nurtur'd Groome.
Is this the loue thou bear'st vnto the King?
Gentlemen, take notice of the slaue,
And if he faulr, let him be soundly plagu'd:
Now, frolick Tanner, what wilt thou afford?

Hob. Twenty old angels and a score of hides: if that be too little, take twenty nobles more, while I haue it, my King shall spend of my store.

How. The King shall know thy louing liberrall heart.

Hob. Shall he, ifaith? I thanke you heartily: but heare you, Gentleman, you come from the Court?

How. I doe.

Hob. Lord, how does the King, and how does Ned the Kings Butler, and Tom of his Chamber, I am sure you know them.

How. They doe very well.

Hob. For want of better guests, they were at my house one night.

How. I know they were.

Hob. They promist me a good turne for kissing my daugh

The first part of

ter *Nell*, and now I ha eagion to try them: my sonne is in Dybell heer in Caperdochie, i'tha Gaile, for peeping into another mans purse, and outstep the King be miserable, hee's like to totter: can that same *Ned* the Butler doe any thing with the King?

How. More than my selfe, or any other Lord.

Hob. A halter he can: by my troth, ye reiounce my heart to heare it.

How. Come to the Court: I warrant thy sonnes life, *Ned* will saue that, and doe thee greater good.

Hob. Ile weane Brocke my mares foale, and come vp to the King: and it shall goe hard, buttwo fat hens for your paines I will bring.

Bow. My Lord, this fellow gladly now will giue fye pounds, so you will pardon his rude speech.

How. For fye and fye I cannot brooke the beast.

Grud. What giues the Tanner? I am as able as he.

Aston. He giues ten pound.

Grud. Take twenty then of me.

I pray ye, my Lord, forgiue my rough hew'd speech: I wis, I meant no hurt vnto my Liege.

Bow. Let vs intreat your Lordships patience.

How. I doe at your request remit the offence: So let's depart, heer's all we haue to doe.

Ast. 'Tis for this time and place, my Lord: sirra, bring your mony.

Hob. What haue you sau'd now, Goodman *Grudgen*, by your hinchng and your pinching? not the worth of a black pudding.

Exeunt.

Enter mistris Shore and mistris Blague.

M. Bla. Now, mistris *Shore*, what vrgent cause is that, which made you send for mee in such great haste? I promise you, it made me halfe afraid you were not well.

Ia. Trust mee, nor sicke, nor well, but troubled still with the disease I told you: heer is another letter from the King, was neuer poore soule so importuned.

M. Bla. But will no answer serue?

Ia.

King Edward the fourth.

Ia. No, mistress *Blague*, no answer will suffice:
He, he it is that with a violent siege,
Labours to breake into my plighte faith.
Oh, what am I, he should so much forget
His royall State, and his high Maiesly?
Still doth he come disguised to my house,
And in most humble termes bewraies his loue:
My husband grieues: alas, how can he choose,
Fearing the dispossessement of his *Iane*?
And when he cannot come (for him) he writes,
Offering beside incomparable gifts,
And all to winne me to his princely will.

M.Bla. Beleeue me, mistress *Shoare*, a dangerous case,
And euery way repleat with doubtfull feare:
If you should yeeld, your vertuous name were foil'd,
And your beloued husband made a scorne;
And if not yeeld, it's likely that his loue,
Which now admires you, will conuert to hate:
And who knowes not, a Princes hate is death?
Yet I will not be she shall counsaile ye,
Good mistress *Shoare*, do what ye will for me.

Ia. Then counsaile me what I were best to doe.

M.Bla. You know, his greatnesse can dispense with ill,
Making the sinne seeme lesser by his worth:
And you your selfe, your children and your friends,
Be all aduanced to worldly dignitie:
And this worlds pompe (you know) is a goodly thing:
Yet I will not be she shall counsaile ye,
Good mistress *Shoare*, do what ye will for me:

Ia. Alas, I know that I was bound by oath,
To keep the promise that I made at first,
And vertue liues, when pompe consumes to dust.

M.Bla. So we do say dishonour is no shame,
When slander does not touch the offenders name:
You shall be folded in a Princes armes,
Whose beck disperseth euen the greatest harmes.
Many that fit themselues in high degree,

The first part of

Will then be glad to stoop, and bend the knee:
And who is't, hauing plenty in the hand,
Neuer commanded, but doth still command,
That cannot worke in such excesse of things,
To quit the guilt one small transgression brings?
Yet I will not be she shall counsaile ye,
Good mistris *Shoare*, doe what ye wil for me.

Ia. Here doe I liue, although in meane estate,
Yet with a conscience free from all debate,
Where higher footing may in time procure
A sudden fall, and mixe my sweet with sowre.

M. Bla. True, I confesse, a priuate life is good,
Nor would I otherwise be vnderstood:
To be a Goldsmiths wife, is some content,
But dayes in Court more pleasantly are spent:
A household gouernment deserues renowne:
But what is a companion to a Crowne?
The name of Mistris is a pretty thing,
But Madam at each word doth glory bring:
Yet I will not be she shall counsaile ye,
Good mistris *Shoare*, doe what ye will for me.

Ia. O that I knew, which were the best of twaine:
Which for I doe not, I am sicke with paine.

Enter her boy.

How now, sit boy, what is the newes with you?

Boy. The Gentleman, forsooth, the other day,
That would haue bought the iewell at your stall,
Is here to speak with ye.

Ia. Oh Cocke, it is the King:
Good mistris *Blague*, withdraw you from this place.
He come anon, so soone as he is gone,
And, sirra, get you to the shop againe.

Exit boy.

M. Bla. Now, mistris *Shoare*, bethinke ye what to doe,
Such Sutors come not euery day to woo.

*Mistris Blague departs, and the King enters in
his former disguise.*

K. Thou maist conuict me (beauties pride) of boldnesse.

That

King Edward the fourth.

That I intrude like an vnknown idden guest:

But loue being guide, the fault will seeme the lesse.

Ia. Most welcome to your Subjects homely rooffe;
The foote, my Soueraigne, seldome doth offend,
Vnlesse the heart some other hurt intend.

K. The most thou feelest, is hurt vnto my selfe:
How for thy sake, is Maiesty disroab'd?
Riches made poore, and dignity brought low,
Only that thou might'st Our affection know.

Ia. The more the pittie, that within the sky,
The Sunne that should all other vapours dry,
And guide the world with his most glorious light,
Is muffled vp himselfe in wilfull night.

K. The want of thee, false *Cynthia*, is the cause,
Spread thou thy siluer-brightnesse in the aire,
And strait the glad some morning will appeare.

Ia. I may not wander: hee that guides my carre,
Is an immoued, constant, fixed Starre.

K. But I will giue that Starre a Comets name,
And shield both thee and him from further blame.

Ia. How if the host of Heauen at this abuse
Repine? who can the prodigie excuse?

K. It lies within the compasse of my power,
To dimme their enuious eyes, dare seeme to lowre:
But leauing this our Enigmatike talke,
Thou must, sweet *Iane*, repaire vnto the Court,
His tongue intreats, controls the greatest Peere,
His hand plights loue, a royall Scepter holds,
And in his heart he hath confirm'd thy good,
Which may not, must nor, shall not be withstood.

Ia. If you enforce me, I haue nought to say,
But wish I had not liu'd to see this day.

K. Blame not the time: thou shalt haue cause to ioy:
Iane, in the euening I will send for thee,
And thou and thine shall be aduanc't by me:
In signe whereof receiue this true loue kisse,
Nothing ill meant, there can be no amisse.

Exit.

Ia.

The first part of

Ia. Well, I will in, and ere the time beginne,
Learne how to be repentant for my sinne.

Exit.

*Enter Lord Maior, Master Shoare, and Francis
Emersley.*

Ma. But, Cousin *Shoare*, are you assur'd it was the King
you saw in such disguise?

Sho. Do I know you the Vncle of my wife? know I *Frank
Emersley* her Brother heer? so surely do I know that counter-
feit to be the King.

Fran. Well, admit all this: And that his Maiesty in such dis-
guise, please to suruey the maner of our Citie, or what occasi-
on else may like himselfe: me thinkes, you haue small reason,
Brother *Shoare*, to be displeas'd thereat.

Ma. Oh, I haue found him now:
Because my Niece his wife is beautifull,
And well reputed for her vertuous parts,
He in his fond conceit misdoubts, the King
Doth dote on her in his affection:
I know not, Cousin, how she may be chang'd,
By any cause in your procuring it,
From the faire carriage of her wonted course;
But well I wot, I haue oft heard you say,
She merited no scruple of dislike:
If now some giddie fancie in your braine,
Make you conceiue sinisterly of her,
And with a person of such difference,
I tell you, Cousin, more for her respect,
Than to sooth you in such a fottishnesse,
I would reueale you open to the world,
And let your folly iustly plague your selfe.

Sho. Vncle, you are too forward in your rage,
And much mistake me in this suddennesse;
Your Nieces reputation I haue prizde,
And shrined as deuoutly in my soule,
As you, or any that it can concerne:
Nor when I tell you that it is the King
Comes muffled like a common Seruingman,

Doe

King Edward the fourth.

Doe I inferre thereby, my wife is false,
Or swerues one jot from wonted modesty :
Though in my shop she sit, more to respect
Her seruants dutie, than for any skill
Shee doth or can pretend in what we trade.
Is it not strange, that euer when he comes,
It is to her, and will not deale with me ?
Ah, Vncle, *Frank*, nay, would all her kin
Were here, to censure of my cause aright :
Though I misdeeme not her, yet giue me leaue
To doubt what his lie walking may intend ;
And let me tell ye, he that is posselt
Of such a beautie, feares vndermining guests :
Especially a mightie one, like him,
Whose greatnesse may gild ouer vgly sinne :
But say, his comming be not to my wife,
Then hath he some lie aiming at my life,
By false compounded metals or light gold,
Or else some other trifle to be sold.
When Kings themselues so narrowly doe prie
Into the world, men feare, and why not I ?

Fran. Beleeue me, Brother, in this doubtfull case
I know not well how I should answer you :
I wonder in this serious busie time,
Of this great gathered beneuolence,
For his regaining of his right in France,
The day and nightly turmoile of his Lords,
Yea, of the whole State in generall,
He can be spared from these great affaires,
And wander here disguised in this sort :
But is not this your boy ?

Enter the boy.

Sho. Yes marry is it : how now, what newes with thee ?

Boy. Master, my Mistris by a Nobleman
Is sent for to the King in a close-Coach :
Shee's gone with him, these are the newes I bring,

Ma. How ? my Niece sent for to the King ?

By

The first part of

By a Nobleman, and she is gone with him?
Nay then I like it not.

Fran. How? gone, saist thou?

Sbo. Be patient, Vncle, storme not, gentle *Frank*:
The wrong is mine: by whom? a King:
To talke of such, it is no common thing:
She is gone, thou saist.

Boy. Yes, truly, sir, 'tis so.

Sbo. I cannot helpe it, a Cocks name let her goe:
You cannot helpe it, Vncle, no, nor you.
Where Kings are medlers, meaner men must rue:
I storme against it? no, farewell, *Iane Shoare*,
Once thou wast mine, but must be so no more.

Ma. Gone to the Court?

Exit Ma.

Sbo. Yet, Vncle, will ye rage?
Let mine example your high heate asswage.
To note offences in a mighty man,
It is enough: amend it be that can.
Frank *Emersley*, my wife thy sister was,
Lands, Goods and all I haue, to thee I passe,
Saue that poore portion must along with me,
To beare me from this badge of obloquie:
It neuer shall be said that *Mathew Shoare*,
A Kings dishonor in his bonnet wore.

Fran. Good Brother.

Sbo. Striue not to change me, for I am resolu'd,
And will not tarry: England, fare thou well,
And, *Edward*, for requiting me so well:
But dare I speake of him? forbear, forbear:
Come, *Frank*, I will surrender all to thee,
And then abroad, where e're my fortune be.

Exeunt.

Enter King Edward, Howard, Sellenger, &c.

K. And haue our countrie Subiects been so frank,
And bountifull in their beneuolence
Toward our present expedition?
Thanks, Cousin *Howard*, for thy paines herein:
We will haue letters sent to euery Shire,

Of

King Edward the fourth.

Of thankfull gratitude, that they may know,
How highly we respect their gentlenesse.

How. One thing, my L. I had well neere forgot,
Your merry Oast the Tanner of Tamworth.

King. What of him, Cousin?

How. He was right liberall:

Twenty old angels did he send your Grace,
And others seeing him so bountifull,
Stretcht further than they otherwise had done.

K. Trust me, I must requite that honest Tanner:
Oh, had he kept his word, and come to Court,
Then in good sadnesse, we had good sport.

How. That is not long, my L. which comes at last:
Hee's come to London on an earnest cause,
His sonne lies prisoner in Stafford laile,
And is condemned for a robberie:
Your Highnesse pardoning his sonne's offence,
May yeeld the Tanner no small recompence.

K. But who hath seen him since he came to towne?

Sel. My Lord, in *Holborn* 'twas my hap to see him
Gazing about, I sent away my men,
And clapping on one of their liuery cloakes,
Came to him, and the Tanner knew me strait:
How now, *Tom*? and how doth *Ned*, quoth he?
That honest merry hangman, how doth he?
I knowing that your Maiestie intended,
This day in person to come to the Tower,
There bad him meet me, where as *Ned*, and I,
Would bring him to the presence of the King,
And there procure a Pardon for his sonne.

K. Haue then a care we be not seen of him,
Vntill we be prouided for the purpose:
Because once more weel haue a little sport,
Tom Sellenger, let that care be yours.

Sel. I warrant you, my Lord, let me alone.

Enter the Lord Maior.

K. Welcome, L. Maior: what, haue you signified

K

Our

The first part of

Our thankfulness vnto our Citizens,
For their late gathered beneuolence ?

Ma. Before the Citizens in our Guildhall,
Master Recorder made a good Oration
Of thankfull gratitude vnto them all :
Which they receiued with so kind respect,
And loue vnto your Royall Maiestie,
As it appear'd to vs they sorrowed,
Their bounty to your Highnesse was no more.

K. Lord Maior, Thanks to your selfe, and them :
And goe ye with vs now into the Tower,
To see the order that we shall obserue,
In this so needfull preparation:
The better may you signifie to them,
What need there was of their beneuolence.

Ma. Ile waite vpon your gracious Maiesty:
Yet there is one thing which much grieueth me.

aside.

Exeunt.

Enter Shoare, and two Watermen bearing his trunks.

Sho. Goe, honest fellowes, beare my trunks aboard,
And tell the Master ile come presently.

*Enter Mistris Shoare, Lady-like attired, with diuers
supplications in her hand, she unpinning
her maske, and attended on by
many Sutors.*

1. Wa. We will, sir: but what Lady haue we here ?
Belike she is of no meane countenance,
That hath so many Sutors waiting on her.

Sho. Goe one of ye, I pray ye enquire her name.

2. Wa. My honest friend, what Lady call you this ?

Anr. Her name is mistris *Shoare*, the Kings Beloued,
A speciall friend to Sutors at the Court.

Sho. Her name is mistris *Shoare*, the Kings Beloued ?
Where shall I hide my head, or stop mine eares,
But like an Owle I shall be wondred at ?
When she with me was wont to walke the streets,
The people then, as she did passe along,

Would

King Edward the fourth.

Would say, There goes faire, modest, mistris *Shoare*,
When she attended like a Citie Dame,
Was praised of Matrons: So that Citizens,
Whenthey would speak of ought vnto their wiues,
Fetcht their example still from mistris *Shoare*:
But now she goes deckt in her Courtly robes:
This is not she that once in seemly blacke,
Was the chaste, sober wife of *Mathew Shoare*:
For now she is King *Edwards* Concubine,
Oh great ill title, honorable shame!
Her good I had: but, King, her ill is thine,
Once *Shoares* true wife, now *Edwards* Concubine:
Amongst the rest ile note her new behaiour.

*All this while she stands conferring priuately with
her Sutors, and looking on their bills.*

Aire. Good mistris *Shoare*, remember my sonne's life.

Ia. What is thy name?

Aire. My name is *Thomas Aire*.

Ia. There is his Pardon signed by the King:

Aire. In signe of humble, hearty thankfulnessse,

Take this in angels twenty pound.

Ia. What? thinke ye that I buy and sell for bribes,
His Highnesse fauour, or his Subiects blood?
No, without gifts God grant I may doe good:
For all my good cannot redeeme my ill.
Yet to doe good I will endeaour still.

Sho. Yet all this good doth but gild o'rethy ill. *aside.*

Palmer. Mistris, the restitution of my lands,
Taken perforce by his Highnesse Officers.

Ia. The King is content your goods shall be restor'd:
But the Officers will hardly yeeld thereto:
Yet be content, ile see you haue no wrong.

Sho. Thou canst not say to me so: I haue wrong.

Lookie. Mistris, gude faith, giffe yeel helpe mee til my laund,
whilke the faulseloune *Billis Grime* of *Gendale* hauds wranful-
ly fra me: Ise white your gudenesse with a bonny nag, fall
swum away so deftly as the winde.

The first part of

Ia. Your sute, my friend, requires a longer time,
Yet since you dwell so farre of, to ease your charge,
Your diet with my seruants you may take,
And some reliefe ile get thee of the King.

Sho. It's cold reliefe thou getst me from the King.

Iockie. Now Gods blessing light on that gudly faire face :
ise be your true beadsman, indeed, fall I.

Pal. God blesse the care you haue of doing good.

Aire. Pittie, she should miscarry in her life,
That beares so sweet a minde in doing good.

Sho. So say I too : ah, *Iane*, this kills my heart,
That thou reck's others, and not ru'll my smart.

Rufford. Mistris, I feare you haue forgot my sute.

Ia. Oh, 'tis for a license, to transport corne from this land
and lead, to forraine Realmes: I had your bill, but I haue torne
your bill, and 'twere no shame (I thinke) to teare your eares,
that care not how ye wound the common-wealth: the poore
must starue for food to fill your purse, and the enemie bandie
bullets of our lead : no, master *Rufford*, ile not speake for you,
except it be to haue you punished.

Iock. By the messe, a deff laffe, Chrill's benison light on her.

*She spies her husband walking aloofe of, and not knowing
him, takes him for another Sutor.*

Ia. Is that another Sutor ? I haue no bill of his :
Goe one of you, and know what he would haue.

Sho. Yes, *Iane*, the bill of my obliged faith,
And I had thine, but thou hast cancel'd it.

*Here she knowes him, and lamenting
comes to him.*

Ia. Oh God, it is my husband, kinde *Mathew Shoares*.

Sho. Ah, *Iane*, what's he dare say he is thy husband ?
Thou wast a wife, but now thou art not so,
Thou wast a maide, a maide when thou wast wife,
Thou wast a wife, euen when thou wast a maide,
So good, so modest, and so chaste thou wast :
But now thou art diuorc'd, whiles yet he liues,
That was thy husband, while thou wast his wife.

Thy

King Edward the fourth.

Thy wisehood stain'd, by thy dishonored life,
For now thou art, neither widow, maide, nor wife.

Ia. I must confesse, I yeelded vp the Forte,
Wherein lay all the riches of my loy:
But yet, sweet *Shoare*, before I yeelded it,
I did endure the long'st and greatest siege,
That euer battred on poore chastitie;
And but to him that did assault the same,
For euer it had been invincible:
But I will yeeld it backe againe to thee,
He cannot blame me, though it be so done,
To loose by me what first by me was wonne.

Sho. No, *Iane*, there is no place allow'd for me,
Where once a King hath tane possession:
Meane men brooke not a Riual in their loue,
Much lesse, so high vnriual'd Maiestie:
A Concubine to one so great as *Edward*,
Is farre to great to be the wife of *Shoare*.

Ia. I will refuse the pleasure of the Court:
Let me goe with thee, *Shoare*, though not as wife,
Yet as thy slaue, since I haue lost that name:
I will redeeme the wrong that I haue done thee,
With my true seruice, if thou wilt accept it.

Sho. Thou goe with me, *Iane*? oh God, forbid,
That I should be a Traytor to my King:
Shall I become a Fellow to his pleasures,
And fly away as guilty of the theft?
No, my deare *Iane*, I say, it may not be,
Oh what haue Subiects that is not their Kings?
He not examine his prerogatiue.

Ia. Why then, sweet *Mat*, let me entreat thee stay:
What is't with *Edward* that I cannot doe?
He make thee wealthier than e're *Richard* was,
That entertain'd the three great'st Kings in Europe;
And feasted them in *London* on a day:
Aske what thou wilt, were it a million,
That may content thee, thou shalt haue it, *Shoare*.

The first part of

Sho. Indeed this were some comfort to a man,
That tasted want or worldly misery:
But I haue lost what wealth cannot returne:
All worldly losses are but toyes to mine,
Oh, all my wealth, the losse of thee was more,
Than euer time or fortune can restore:
Therefore, sweet *Iane*, farewell, once thou wast mine,
Too rich for me, and that King *Edward* knew.
Adieu: oh world, he shall deceiued be,
That puts his trust in women or in thee.
Ia. Ah, *Shoare*, farewell (poore heart) in death ile tell,
I euer lou'd thee, *Shoare*: farewell, farewell.

Exit.

Enter King Edward, Lord Maior, Howard, Sellenger, and the traine.

King. Hauing awakt forth of their sleepe dennes
Our drowzie Cannons, which e're long shall charme
The watchfull French, with death's eternall sleepe,
And all things else in readinesse for France:
A while we will giue truce vnto our care,
There is a merry Tanner neere at hand,
With whom we meane to be right merry:
Therefore, Lord Maior, and you, my other friends,
I must intreat you not to knowledge me:
No man stand bare, all as Companions:
Giue me a cloake, that I may be disguis'd:
Tom Sellenger, goe thou and take another.
So, Tanner, now come when you please, we are prouided:
And in good time, see where he comes already.

Enter the Tanner.

Tom Sellenger, goe thou and meet him.

Sel. What? *Iohn Habs*? welcome ifaith, to Court.

Hob. Gramercies, honest *Tom*: where is the hangman
Ned? where is that mad rascall? shall I not see him?

Sel. See, heer he stands: that same is he.

Hob. What? *Ned*? a plague found thee: how dost thou for
a villaine? how dost thou, mad rogue? and how? and how?

King.

King Edward the fourth.

King. In health, *Iohn Hobs*, and very glad to see thee:
But say, what winde droue thee to *London*?

Hob. Ah, *Ned*, I was brought hither with a whirlewinde,
man, my sonne, my sonne: did I not tell thee I had a knaue to
my sonne?

K. Yes, Tanner, what of him?

Hob. Faith, hee's in *Caperdoche*, *Ned*, in *Stafford* Gaole, for a
robberie, and is like to be hang'd, except thou get the King
to be more miserable vnto him.

K. If that be all, Tanner, ile warrant him,
I will procure his Pardon of the King.

Hob. Wilt thou, *Ned*: for those good words, see what my
Daughter *Nell* hath sent thee, a Hankercher wrought with as
good Couentry silke, blue thread, as euer thou sawest.

K. And I, perhaps, may weare it for her sake,
In better presence than thou art aware of.

Hob. How? *Ned*, a better present? that canst thou not haue
for silke, cloth, and workmanship: why, *Nell* made it, man:
But, *Ned*, is not the King in this company: what's he in the
long beard and the red petticoate? before Cock, I misdoubt,
Ned, that is the King, I know it by my Lord what yee calles
Players.

K. How by them, Tanner?

Hob. Euer when they play an Enterloute or a Commoditie
at *Tamworth*, the King alwaies is in a long beard, and a red
gowne like him, therefore I spekt him to be the King.

K. No, trust mee, Tanner, this is not the King: but thou
shalt see the King before thou goest, and haue a Pardon for thy
sonne with thee.

This man is the Lord Maior, Lord Maior of *London*, here
was the Recorder too, but he is gone.

Hob. What nicknames these Courtnoles haue? Mare and
Corder quotha? we haue no such at *Litchfield*, ther's the ho-
nest Bailiffe and his Brethren, such words'gree best with vs.

K. My Lord Maior, I pray you for my sake, to bid this ho-
nest Tanner welcome.

Ma. You are welcome, my honest friend:

In

The first part of

In signe whereof I pray you see my house,
And sup with me this night.

Hob. I thanke you, good Goodman Maior: but I care not for no meate, my stomacke is like to a sicke swines, that will neither cate nor drinke, till she know what shall become of her pigge. *Ned* and *Tom*, you promis'd mee a good turne when I came to Court, either doe it now, or goe hang your selues.

King. No sooner comes the King, but I will doe it.

Sel. I warrant thee, Tanner, feare not thy sonne's life.

Hab. Nay, I feare not his life, I feare his death.

*Enter Master of Saint Katherines and
Widow Norton.*

Maſt. All health and happinesse to my Soueraigne.

King. The Master of Saint Katherines hath mard all.

Hob. Out, alas, that euer I was borne.

*The Tanner falls in a swoond, they labour to reniue him,
meane while the King puts on his royall robes.*

K. Looke to the Tanner there, he takes no harme.
I would not haue him (for my crowne) miscarry.

Wid. Let me come to him by my Kings good leaue:
Here's ginger, honest man, bite it.

Hob. Bite ginger, bite ginger, bite a dogs date:
I am but a dead man: ah, my Liege, that you should deale so
with a poore, well-meaning man: but it makes no matter, I
can but dye.

K. But when, Tanner, canst thou tell?

Hob. Nay, euen when you please: for I haue so defended
ye, by calling ye plaine *Ned*, mad rogue and rascall, that (I
know) youle haue me hang'd: therefore make no more ado,
but send me downe to Stafford, and there a Cockes name
hang mee with my sonne. And here's another as honest as
your selfe, you made me call him plaine *Tom*: I warrant, his
name

King Edward the fourth.

name is *Thomas*, and some man of worship too, therefore let's to it, euen when and where you will.

K. Tanner attend : not only doe we pardon thee,
But in all princely kindnesse welcome thee,
And thy sonne's trespassse doe we pardon too,
O're, goe and see that forthwith it be drawne,
Vnder our seale of *England* as it ought,
And forty pounds we giue thee to defray
Thy charges in thy comming vp to London :
Now Tanner, what saist thou to vs ?

Hobs. Marry, you speake like an honest man, if you meane as you say.

K. We meane it Tanner, on our royall word.

Now master of *S. Katherines*, what would you ?

Mast. My gracious Lord, the great beneuolence,
(Though small to that your Subiects could afford)
Of poore *S. Katherines* doe I bring your Grace :
Five hundred pounds heer haue they sent by me :
For the easier portage, all in angell gold.
What this good widow mistris *Norton* will,
She comes her selfe, and brings her gift with her.

Wid. Pardon me gracious Lord : presumption,
Nor ouerweening in mine owne conceit,
Makes me thusbold to come before your Grace,
But loue and duty to your Maiesty,
And great desire to see my Lord the King :
Our master heer spake of beneuolence,
And said my twenty nobles was inough,
I thought not so, but at your Highnesse feete,
A widowes mite, a token of her zeale,
In humble duty giues you twenty pound.

K. Now by my crowne, a gallant lusty girle :
Of all the exhibition yet bestowed,
This womans liberality likes me best.
Is thy name *Norton* ?

Wid. I, my gracious Liege.

L

King.

The first part of

King. How long hast thou been a Widow?

Wid. It is, my Lord,

Since I did burie *Wilkin* my good man,
At Shrouetide next, euen iust a dozen yeares.

K. In all which space, could'st thou not finde a man,
On whom thou might'st bestow thy selfe againe?

Wid. Not any like my *Wilkin*, whose deare loue,
I know is matchlesse: in respect of whom,
I thinke not any worthy of a kisse.

K. No widow, that Ile try: how like you this?

He kisseth her.

Wid. Beshrew my heart, it was a hony kisse,
Able to make an aged woman young:
And for the same, most sweet and louely Prince,
See what the Widow giveth you from her store,
Forty old angels for one kisse more.

K. Marrie widow thou shalt haue it:
Iohn Hobs, thou art a Widower,
Lack'st thou such a wife?

Hobs. 'Snailles, twenty pound a kisse? had shee as manie
twentie pound bags, as I haue knobs of barke in my tan-satte
shee might kisse them away in a quarter of a yeare. Ile no
Saint Katherines Widowes, if kisses be so deare.

Widow. Clubs, and clouted shooes, ther's none enamour'd
here.

K. Lord Maior, we thanke you, and entreat withall,
To recommend vs to our Citizens:
We must for *France*, we bid you all farewell,
Come, Tanner, thou shalt goe with vs to Court;
To morrow you shall dine with my Lord Maior,
And afterward fet homeward when you please:
God, and our right, that only fights for vs,
Adisw, pray that our toile prove prosperous.

Exeunt.

F I N I S .



The Second part of *King Edward*
the Fourth : Containing his journey into
France, for the obtaining of his right there : The
treacherous falshood of the Duke of *Burgundie*, and
the Constable of *France* vsed against him, and his
returne home againe. Likewise, the prose-
cution of the history of *M. Shoare*
and his faire wife : Concluding with
the lamentable death of
them both.

*Enter King Edward, Sellenger, and Souldiers
marching.*

Edward.

IS this the aide our Cousin *Burgundy*,
And the great Constable of *France* assured vs?
Haue we marched thus farre through the heart of *France*?
And with the terror of our English drums
Rouz'd the poor trembling *French*, which leaue their townes,
That now the Wolves affrighted from the fields,
Doe get their prey, and kennell in their streets:
Our thundring Canons now this fortnight space,
Like common Bell-men in some market towne,
Haue cried the Constable and *Burgundy*:
But yet I see they come not to our aide:
Weel bring them in, or by the blessed light,
Weel search the ground-fles of their Cities walles,

The second part of

Since you haue brought me hither, I will make,
The prowdest Tower that stands in *France* to quake :
I maruaile *Scales* returns not, for by him
I doe expect to heare their resolutions,

Enter the Lord Scales.

How. My Soueraigne, he is happily return'd.

Ed. Wellcome my Lord, wellcome good Cousin *Scales* :
What newes from *Burgundy* ? what is his answer ?
What, comes he to our succour as he promised ?

Scal. Not by his good will, for ought that I can see
He lingers still in his long siege at *Nuse* :
I vrg'd his promise and your expectation,
Euen to the force and compasse of my spirit,
I cheer'd my firme perswasions with your hopes,
And gilded them with my best Oratorie,
I fram'd my speech still fitly, as I found
The temper of his humor to be wrought vpon :
But still I found him earthly, vnresolu'd,
Muddy, and (me thought) euer through his eyes,
I saw his wauering and vnsettled spirit,
And to be short, subtile and treacherous,
And one that doth entend no good to you :
And he will come, and yet he wanteth power,
He would faine come, but may not leaue the siege,
He hopes he shall, but yet he knowes not when,
He purposed, but some impediments
Haue hindred his detetmined intent :
Briefly, I thinke he will not come at all.

Ed. But is he like to take the towne of *Nuse* ?

Scal. My Lord, the towne is liker to take him,
That if he chance to come to you at all,
'Tis but for succour.

Ed. But what saies Count *S. Paul* ?

Scal. My Lord he lies and reuells at *S. Quintins*,
And laughs at *Edwards* comming into *France* ;
There dominerig with his drunken crue,
Makes ligges of vs, and in their slaueing iests,

Tell

King Edward the Fourth!

Tell how like rogues we lye heer in the field :
Then comes a slaue, one of these drunken sots,
In with a Tauerne reckoning for a Supplication,
Disguised with a cushion on his head,
A drawers apron for a Heraulds coate;
And tels the Count, the King of *England* craues,
One of his worthy honors dog-kennels,
To be his lodging for a day or two,
With some such other Tauerne foolerie:
With that this filthy rascall greasie rout,
Burst out in laughter at this worthy iest,
Neighing like horses: thus the Count S. *Paul*
Regards his promise to your Maiestie.

Ed. Will no man thrust the slaue into a Sack-but?

Sel. Now by this light, were I but neer the slaue
With a blacke iacke, I would beate out his braines.

How. If it please your Highnesse but to say the word,
Weel plucke him out of *Quintins* by the eares.

Ed. No Cousin *Howard*, weel reserue our valour
For better purpose, since they both refuse vs,
Our selues will be vnriuald in our honor:
Now our first cast my Lord is at maine *France*,
Whilst yet our army is in health and strong:
And haue we once but broke into that warre,
I will not leaue S. *Paul* nor *Burgundie*,
Not a bare Pigskoate to shroud them in.
Herauld.

Her. My Soueraigne.

Ed. Goe Herauld, and to *Loues* the french King
Denounce sterne warre, and tell him I am come,
To take possession of my Realme of *France*;
Defie him boldly from vs, be thy voice
As fierce as thunder, to affright his soule:
Herauld be gone, I say, and be thy breath
Piercing as lightning, and thy words as death.

Her. I goe my Liege, resolu'd to your high will. *Exit.*

Ed. Sound drum, I say, set forward with our power,

L. 3

And

The second part of

And *France*, e're long expect a dreadfull hower:
I will not take the English Standards downe,
Till thou empale my temples with thy Crowne.

*Enter Lewes the French King, Burbon, and S. Pier, with
the Herauld of England.*

K. Lewes. Herauld of *England*, we are pleas'd to heare,
What message thou hast brought vs from thy King:
Prepare thy selfe, and be aduis'd in speech.

Eng. Herauld. Right gracious, and most Christian King
of *France*,

I come not to thy presence vnprepar'd,
To doe the message of my Royall Liege,
Edward the Fourth, of *England* and of *France*
The lawfull King, and Lord of *Ireland*,
Whose puissant magnanimous breast incens'd
Through manifest notorious iniuries,
Offred by thee King *Lewes*, and thy *French*,
Against his title to the Crowne of *France*,
And right in all these Dukedomes following,
Aquitaine, Anjou, Guyen, Aguilaine;
Breathes forth by me, the Organ of his speech,
Hostile defiance to thy Realme and thee:
And trampling now vpon the face of *France*,
With barbed Horse, and valiant armed Foote,
Himselfe the Leader of those martiall troupes,
Bids thee to battell, where and when thou dar'st,
Except thou make such restitution,
And yearly tribute on good Hostages,
As may content his iust conceiued wrath:
And to this message answer I expect.

Lew. Right peremptorie is this Ambassage,
And were my Royall Brother of *England* pleas'd,
To entertaine those kinde affections,
Wherewith we doe embrace this amity,
Needlesse were all these thunder-threatning words:

Let

King Edward the fourth.

Let Heauen (where all our thoughts are registred)
Beare record, with what deep desire of peace,
We shall subscribe to such conditions,
As equity for *England* shall propound.
If *Edward* haue sustained wrong in *France*,
Lewes was neuer author of that wrong,
Yet faultlesse we will make due recompence:
We are assur'd that his Maiestick thoughts,
In his mild spirit did neuer meane these warres,
Till *Charles Burgundie*, once our fawning friend,
But now our open foe, and Count *S. Paul*,
Our Subiect once and Constable of *France*,
But now a Traitor to our Realme and vs;
Were motiues to incite him vnto armes,
Which hauing done, will leaue him on my life.

Her. The King my master reckes not *Burgundie*,
And scornes *S. Paul* that treacherous Constable,
His puissance is sufficient in it selfe,
To conquer *France* like his Progenitors.

K.L. He shall not need to waite by force of warre,
Where peace shall yeeld him more than he can winne:
We couet peace, and we will purchase it,
At any rate that reason can demand:
And it is better *England* ioine in league
With vs his strong old open-enemy,
Than with those weake and new dissembling friends.
We doe secure vs from our open foes,
But trust in friends (though faithlesse) we repose:
My Lord *S. Pier*, and Cousin *Burbon* speake,
What censure you of *Burgundie* and *S. Paul*?

S. Pi. Dread Lord, it is well knowne that *Burgundie*,
Made shew of tender service to your Maiestie,
Till by the engine of his *Artilleries*,
He made a breach into your Highnesse loue,
Where entred once, and thereof full possist,
Hesob abus'd that Royall excellencie,
By getting footing into many Townes,

Castles,

The second part of

Castles, and Forts belonging to your Crowne,
That now he holds them 'gainst your Realme and you.

Bur. And Count S. *Paul* the Constable of *France*,
Ambitious in that high authority,
Vsurps the Lands and Seigneuries of those
That are true Subiects, noble Peers of *France*:
Your boundlesse fauours did him first suborne
And now to be your Liegeman he thinkes scorne.

Lew. By this, coniecture the vnsteady course
Thy royall Master vndertakes in *France*,
And Herauld, intimate what seruient zeale,
We haue to league with *Edward* and his English:
Three hundreth crownes we giue thee for reward,
And of rich crimson veluet thirty yardes,
In hope thou wilt vnto thy Soueraigne tell,
We shew thee not one discontented looke,
Nor render him one misbeholden word:
But his defiance and his dare to warre
We swallow with the supple oile of peace,
Which gentle Herauld if thou canst procure,
A thousand crownes shall iustly guerdon thee.

Her. So please it your most sacred Maiestie,
To send vnto my gracious Soueraigne,
Equall conditions for the bonds of peace,
And restitution of his iniuries,
His temper is not of obdurate malice,
But sweet relenting princely clemencie:
Performe your promise of a thousand crownes,
And second me with some fit messenger,
And I will vndertake to worke your peace.

Lew. By the true honor of a Christian King,
Effect our peace and thou shalt haue our crownes,
And we will poste a Herauld after thee,
That shall confirme thy speech and our designs:
Goe *Mugeronne*, see to this Herauld giuen
The veluet, and three hundreth crownes propos'd:
Farewell good friend, remember our request,

And

King Edward the fourth.

And kindly commend vs to King Edward.

Exeunt English Herald and Mugeronne.

How thinke ye Lords, is't not more requisite
To make our peace, than warre with *Englands* power?

Bur. Yes gracious Lord, the wounds are bleeding yet,
That *Talbot*, *Bedford*, and King *Henry* made,
Which peace must cure, or *France* shall languish still.

S.Pier. Besides my Liege, by these intestine foes,
The Constable and treacherous *Burgundy*,
The State's in danger if the English stirre.

Enter Mugeronne.

K. Lew. 'Tis perilous and full of doubt my Lords,
We must haue peace with *England* every way.
Who shall be Herald in these high affaires?

Bur. No better man than Montieur *Mugeronne*,
Whose wit is sharpe, whose eloquence is sound,
His presence gracious, and his courage good;
A Gentleman, a Sholler, and a Souldiour,
A compleat man for such an Embassie:
Art thou content to be employd *Mugeronne*,
In this negotiation to King *Edward*?

Mug. If your most sacred Maiesty command,
Your humble vassall *Mugeronne* shall goe.

K. Lew. Gramercies *Mugeronne*: but thou must assume
A Heraulds habit and his office both,
To plead our loue, and to procure vs peace
With English *Edward*, for the good of *France*.

Mug. I know the matter and the forme my Lord:
Give me my *Heraulds* Coate, and I am gone.

K. Lew. Thou art a man compos'd for businesse,
Attend on vs for thy instructions,
And other fit supplies for these affaires,
And for thy diligence expect reward.

Exeunt.

*Enter severall waies Burgundy and the Constable
of France.*

Con. Whither away so fast goes *Burgundy*?

M

Bur.

The second part of

Bur. Nay, rather whither goes the Constable?

Con. Why, to King *Edward* (man) is he not come?
Meanst thou not likewise to goe visit him?

Bur. Oh excellent, I know that in thy soule,
Thou knowest that I doe purpose nothing lesse:
Nay, I doe know, for all thy outward shew,
Thou hast no meaning once to looke on him:
Brother dissembler, leaue this colouring,
With him that meanes as falsely as thy selfe.

Con. I but thou know'lt that *Edward* on our letters,
And hoping our assistance when he came,
Did make this purpos'd voyage into *France*;
And with his Forces is he heer arriu'd,
Trusting that we will keep our word with him:
Now though we meane it not, yet set a face
Vpon the matter, as though we intended
To keep our word with him effectually.

Bur. And for my better countenance in this case,
My lingring siege at *Nuse* will serue the turne:
There will I spend the time, to disappoint
King *Edwards* hope of my conioyning with him.

Con. And I will keep me still heer in *S. Quimins*,
Pretending mighty matters for his aide,
But not performing any on my word,
The rather *Burgundie*, because I aime
At matters which perhaps may cost your head,
If all hit right to expectation:
In the meane space like a good crafty knaue,
That hugs the man he wisheth hang'd in heart,
Keep I faire weather still with *Burgundy*,
Till matters fall out for my purpose fit.

Ici sent mon secrets, bean temps pour moy.

Bur. *Ici sent mon secrets, bean temps pour moy,*
Are you so crafty Constable? proceed, proceed.
You quick sharpe sighted man, imagine me
Blinde, witleffe, and a silly Idiot,
That pries not into all your policies.

*ALL
this
aside.*

Who

King Edward the fourth.

Who I? no, God doth know, my simple wit
Can neuer sound a iudgement of such reach,
As in our cunning Constable of France:
Perswade thy selfe so still, and when time serues,
And that thou art in most extremitie,
Needing my helpe, then take thou heed of me:
In meane while Sir, you are the only man
That hath my heart: hath? I, and great reason too.
Thus it befits men of deep reach to doe.
Well Constable, youle backe againe to *Nuse*,
And not aide English *Edward*.

Con. What else man?

And Keep thee in *S. Quintins*, so shall we
Smile at King *Edward*'s weak capacitie.

Exeunt.

*Enter King Edward, with Burgundy, Howard,
Sellenger and Scales.*

K. Ed. Tell not me *Burgundy*, 'tis I am wrong'd,
And you haue dealt like a disloyall Knight,
Bar. *Edward* of *England*, these are vnkingly words.
King. He that will doe (my Lord) what he should not,
Must and shall heare of me what he would not:
I say againe, you haue deluded me.

Bar. Am I not come according to my word?

K. No, *Charles* of *Burgundy*, thy word was giuen
To meet me in Aprill, now 'tis August,
The place appointed *Calice*, not *Lorraine*,
And thy approach to be with martiall troupes:
But thou art come, not hauing in thy traine,
So much as Page or Lackie to attend thee,
As who should say, thy presence were munition,
And strength enough to answer our expect:
Summer is almost spent, yet nothing done,
And all by dalliance with vncertain hope.

Bar. My Forces lay before the citie *Nuse*,
From which I could not rife but with dishonor,
Vnlesse vpon some composition had.

K. Ed. There was no such exception in your letters.

The second part of

Why smiles Lord Scales?

Sca. My man reports my Lord,
The composition that the Duke there made
Was meer compulsion: for the Citizens
Draue him from thence perforce.

K.Ed. I thought so much.
We should not yet haue seen your Excellence,
But that your heeles were better than your hands.

Bur. Lord Scales, thou dost me wrong to slander me.

K.Ed. Letting that passe, it shall be seen my Lord,
That we are able of our selues to claime
Our right in *France*, without or your assistance,
Or any others, but the helpe of Heaue[n].

Bur. I make no question of it: yet the Constable,
Prest with no such occasion as I was,
Might haue excus'd vs both if he had pleas'd.

K.Ed. Accuse him not: your Cities as we came,
Were euen as much to be condemn'd as his,
They gaue vs leaue to lye within the field,
And scarcely would afford vs meat for mony:
This was small friendship, in respect of that
You had ingag'd your honor to performe.
But march we forward as we were determined,
This is *S. Quintins*, where you say my Lord,
The Constable is ready to receiue vs.

Bur. So much he signified to me by letter.

K.Ed. Well, we shall see his entertainment: forward.

*As they march upon the stage, the Lord Scales is strook
downe, and two Souldiers slaine outright, with
great shot from the Towne.*

Fly to our maine battell: bid them stand,
There's treason plotted: speake to me Lord Scales,
Or if there be no power of life remaining
To vtter thy hearts griuance, make a signe.
Two of our common Soulders staine beside!
This is hard welcome: but it was not you.

At

King Edward the fourth.

At whom the fatall Enginer did aime,
My brest the leuell was, though you the marke:
In which conspiracie, answer me Duke,
Is not thy soule as guilty as the Earles?

Bur. Perish my soule King Edward, if I knew
Of any such intention: yet I did, and grieueth that it *aside.*
hath sped no otherwise.

K. Ed. Howard, and Sellenger.

Burgundie steales away.

What is there hope of life in none of them?

How. The Souldiers are both flaine outright my Lord,
But the Lord *Scales* a little is recovered.

K. Ed. Conuay his body to our Pauillion,
And let our Surgeons vse all diligence
They can deuise for safegard of his life,
Whil't we with all extremity of warre
Goe plague *S. Quintins*: *Howard* fetch on our powers,
We will not stirre a foote, till we haue showne
Iust vengeance on the Constable of *France*.

Oh Cocke, to wooe vs first to passe the Sea,
And at our comming thus to halt with vs,
I thinke the like thereof was neuer seen.
But where's the Duke?

Sel. Gone it seemes my Lord,
Stept secretly away, as one that knew
His conscience would accuse him if he staid.

K. Ed. A paire of most dissembling hypocrites,
Is he and this base Earle, on whom I vow,
Leauing King *Lewes* vnpreiudiz'd in peace,
To spend the whole measure of my kindled rage:
Their streets shall sweate with their effused blood,
And this bright Sunne be darkned with the smoake
Of smouldring cinders, when their Citie lies
Buried in ashes of reuengefull fire:
On whose pale superficies in the stead
Of Parchment, with my Launce Ile draw these lines,
Edward of England left this memory.

The second part of

In iust revenge of hatefull treasberie.

Enter Howard againe.

Lord Howard, haue you done as I commanded?

How. Our battailes are dispos'd, and on the brow
Of euery inferior Seruitor (my Lord)
You might behold destruction figured,
Greedily thirsting to begin the fight:
But when no longer they might be restrain'd,
And that the Drumme and Trumpet both began
To sound warres cheerfull harmony: behold,
A flag of Truce vpon the walles was hang'd,
And forth the gates did issue meekly pac't,
Three men, whereof the Constable is one,
The other two, the Gunner and his Mate,
By whose grosse ouer-sight (as they report)
This sudden chance vnwittingly befell.

K.Ed. Bring forth the Constable and the other two,
See them safe guarded till you know our pleasure.

Enter the Constable and Howard.

Now my Lord Howard, how is't with Seales?

How. Well my dread Soueraigne, now his wound is dress'd,
And by the opinion of the Surgeons,
It's thought he shall not perish by this hurt.

K.Ed. I am the gladder: but vnfaithfull Earle,
I doe not see how yet I can dispence
With thy submission, this was not the welcome,
Your letters sent to England, promis'd me.

Con. Right high and mighty Prince, condemne me not
That am as innocent in this offence,
As any Souldier in the English armie;
The fault is in our Gunners ignorance,
Who taking you for Lewis King of France,
That likewise is within the cities kenne,
Made that vnluckie shot to beate him backe,
And not of malice to your Maiesty:
To knowledge which, I brought them with my selfe,
And thirty thousand crownes within my purse,

King Edward the fourth.

Sent by the Burgers to redeeme your lacke.

K. Ed. Constable of *France*, we will not sell a drop
Of English blood, for all the gold in *France* :
But in so much two of our men be slaine,
To quit their deaths, those two that came with thee
Shall both be cram'd into a Canons mouth,
And so be shot into the Towne againe :
It is not like but that they knew our colours,
And of set purpose did this villanie.
Nor can I be perswaded thorowly,
But that our person was the marke they aimed at :
Yet are we well contented to hold you excus'd,
Marry, our Souldiers must be satisfied,
And therefore first shall be distributed
These crownes amongst them ; then shall you returne,
And of your best prouision send to vs
Thirty waine loades, besides twelue tunne of wine.
This if the Burgers will subscribe vnto,
Their peace is made, otherwise I will proclaime,
Free liberty for all to take the spoile.

Com. Your Highnesse shall be answered presently,
And I will see these articles performed.

K. Ed. Yet one thing more ; I will that you my Lord,
Together with the Duke of *Burgundie*,
Doe ere to morrow noone bring all your Force,
And ioine with ours, or else we doe recant,
And these conditions shall be frustrate.

Com. Mine are at hand my Lord, and I will write,
The Duke may likewise be in readinesse.

K. Ed. Let him haue safe conduct through our army :
And 'gainst the morning euerly Leader see
His troupes be furnisht : for no longer time,
Cocke willing, shall the triall be deferred
Twixt *Lewes* and vs. What echoing sound is this ?

Sel. A Gentleman from the King of *France* my Lord,
Craues parlance with your Excellence.

K. Ed. A Gentleman ? bring him in.

What

The second part of
What newes a Cockes name from our brother *Lewes*?

Enter Mugeronne.

Mug. Most puissant and most honorable King,
My royall Master, *Lewes* the King of *France*,
Doth greet your Highnesse with vnfaigned loue,
Wishing your health, prosperity and rule,
And thus he saies by me. When was it seen
That euer *Lewes* pretended hurt to *England*,
Either by close Conspirators sent ouer
To vndermine your State; or openly
By taking armes, with purpose to inuade?
Nay, when was it, that *Lewes* was euer heard
So much as to detract from *Edwards* name?
But still hath done him all his due of speech,
By blazing to the world his high deserts,
Of Wisedome, Valour and Heroicke birth:
Whence is it then that *Edward* is incens'd,
To render hate for loue; for amity sterne warre?
Not of himselfe we know: but by the meanes
Of some infectious Counsell, that like mud
Would spoile the pure temper of his noble minde.
It is the Duke and that pernicious Rebel,
Earle of *S. Paul*, haue set abroach these warres,
Who of themselues vnable to proceed,
Would make your Grace the instrument of wrong:
And when you haue done what you can for them,
You shall be sure of nothing but of this,
Still to be doubled and dissembled with.
But if it might seem gracious in your eye,
To cast off these despis'd Confederates,
(Vnsit companions for so great a Prince)
And ioine in league with *Lewes* my royall Master;
Him shall you finde as willing as of power,
To doe your Grace all offices of loue:
And what commoditie may spring thereby,
To both the Realms, your Grace is wise enough,
Without my rude suggestions to imagine,

Besides

King Edward the fourth.

Besides, much bloodshed for this present time
Will be preuented, when two such personages
Shall meet together to shake hands in peace,
And not with shock of Launce and Curtleaxe.
That *Lanes* is willing, I am his substitute,
And he himselfe in person if you please,
Not farre from hence, will signifie as much.

K.Ed. Sir withdraw, and giue vs leaue awhile
To take aduifement of our Counsellors.
What say ye Lords vnto this proffered truce?

How. In my conceit, let it not be slipt my Lord.

Sel. Wilt not be dishonor, hauing landed
So great an army in these parts of *France*,
And not to fight before we doe returne?

How. How can it when the enemy submits,
And of himselfe makes tender of allegiance?

Sel. I, that's the question whether he will yeeld,
And doe King *Edward* fealty or no.

Ed. What talke ye Lords? he shall subscribe to that,
Or no condition he accept at all.

How. Let him be bound my Lord, to pay your Grace,
Toward your expences, since your comming ouer,
Seuenty fye thousand crownes of the Sunne,
And yearely after fifty thousand more
During your life, with homage therewithall,
That he doth hold his Royalty from you;
And take his offer, 'twill not be amisse.

Ed. It shall be so, draw you the Articles:
And *Sellenger* call forth the messenger,
Bring with thee too a Cup of massie gold,
And bid the bearer of our priuy Purse
Inclose therein a hundred English Ryals.
Friend, we doe accept thy Masters league,
With no lesse firme affection then he craues;
If he will meet vs here betwixt our Tents,
It shall on both sides be confirm'd by oath:
On this condition, that he will subscribe,

N

To

The second part of

To certaine Articles shall be propos'd,
And so thou hast thy answer : to requite
Thy paines herein, we giue to thee this Cup.

Her. Health and increase of honor waite on *Edward*.

Ed. Lord *Howard*, bring the Frenchman on his way.
King *Lewes* is one that neuer was precise :
But now Lord *Howard* and *Tom Sellenger*,
There is a taske remaines for you to doe,
And that is this. You two shall be disguis'd,
And one of you repaire to *Burgundy*,
The other to the Constable of *France*;
Where you shall learne in secret if you can,
If they intend to meet vs here to morrow,
Or how they take this our accord with *France* :
Somewhat it giues me, you will bring from thence.
Worthy the noting ; will you vndertake it ?

Sol. With all my heart my L. I am for *Burgundy*.

How. And I am for the Constable of *France*. *Exeunt.*

Ed. Make speed againe : what newes ?

Mes. The King of *France* my Lord, attended royally,
Is marching hitherward to meet your Grace.

Ed. He shall be welcome : hast thou drawne the Articles ?

Mes. Yes, my dread Soueraigne.

Ed. Goe, call forth our traine,

We may receiue him with like Maiestie.

*Enter certaine Noblemen and Souldiers with a Drumme,
they march about the stage, then enter King Lewes,
and his traine, and meete with King Edward. The Kings embrace.*

K. Lew. My princely Brother, we are grieued much,
To thinke you haue been at so great a charge
And toil'd your Royall selfe so farre from home,
Vpon the inconstant promise of those men,
That both dissemble with your Grace and me.

K. Ed. Brother of *France*, you might condemne vs rightly,
Not only of great wrongs and toiles sustain'd,

But

King Edward the fourth.

But of exceeding folly, if incited,
We had presum'd to enter these Dominions,
Vpon no other reason then the word
And weake assistance of the Earle S. *Paul*,
Or *Burgundies* perswasion : 'tis our right
That wings the body of composed warre.
And though we listned to their flatteries,
Yet so we shapt the course of our affaires,
As of our selues we might be able found,
Without the trusting to a broken-staffe.

K. Lew. I know your Maiesty had more discretion :
But this is not the occasion of our meeting.
If you be pleas'd to entertaine a peace,
(My kingly Brother) in the sight of these,
And of the all-discovering eye of Heauen,
Let vs embrace : for as my life I sweare,
I tender *England* and your Happineffe.

K. Ed. I he like doe I by you and warlike *France* :
But princely Brother, ere this knot be knit,
There are some few conditions to be sign'd,
That done, I am as ready as your selfe.

K. Lew. Faire Brother, let vs heare them what they be.

K. Ed. Herauld, repeat the Articles.

Her. First, it is couenanted that *Lewes* King of *France*, according to the custome of his Predecessors, shall doe homage to King *Edward* King of *England*, as his Soueraigne and true Heire to all the Dominions of *France*.

Bar. How, as his Soueraigne ? that were to depose
And quite bereaue him of his Diademe,
Will kingly *Lewes* stoop to such a vassallage ?

K. Ed. *Barbon*, and if he will not let him choose.

K. Lew. Brother haue patience, *Barbon* seale your lips,
And interrupt not these high consequents.
Forward Herauld, what else is demanded ?

Her. Secondly, it is couenanted that *Lewes* King of *France*, shall pay vnto *Edward* King of *England*, immediately vpon the agreement betwixt their Maiesties, seuentie five thousand

The second part of

crownes of the Sunne, toward the charge King *Edward* hath been at, since his arriuall in these parts of *France*.

Bur. Mort dieu. Heel neither leaue him Crowne nor coine.

K.L. Barbon I say, be silent: *Herauld* reade on.

Her. Thirdly and lastly, it is couenanted, that ouer and beside those seuentie five thousand crownes of the Sunne now presently to be pai'd, *Lewes* King of *France* shall yearly hereafter, during the life of *Edward* King of *England*, pay fifty thousand crownes more without fraude or guile, to bee rendred at his Maiesties Castle, commonly called the Tower of London.

Bur. Nay, binde him that he bring his Lordship a couple of Capons too euery yeare beside.

Here is a peace indeed, farre worse than warre.

K.Ed. Brother of *France*, are yon resolu'd to doe According as you heare the Couenants drawne?

K.L. Brother of *England*, mount your royall Thrones.

For Subiects weale and glory of my God,

And to deale iustly with the world beside,

Knowing your title to be lineall

From the great *Edward*, of that name the third,

Your Predecessor: thus I doe resigne,

Giuing my Crowne and Scepter to your hand,

As an obedient Liegeman to your Grace.

K.Ed. The same I doe deliuer backe againe,

With as large interest as you had before.

Now for the other Couenants.

K.L. Those m^a Lord,

Shall likewise be perform'd with expedition

And euer after as you haue prescrib'd,

The yearly pension shall be truly pai'd.

Her. Swear on this booke King *Lewes*, so helpe you God,
You meane no otherwise then you haue said.

K.L. So helpe me, Cocke, as I dissemble not.

K.Ed. And so helpe me as I intend to keep
Vnfained league and truce with noble *France*.
And kingly Brother, now to consummate

This

King Edward the fourth.

This happy daies feast in our royall Tent,
English and French are one, so it is meant.

Exeunt.

*Enter at one doore Burgundy chasing, with him
Sellenger disguised like a souldiour: at another
the Constable of France, with him*

Howard in the like disguise.

Bur. A peace concluded sai'st thou? is't not so?

Sel. My Lord, I doe assure you it is so.

Con. And thou affirm'st the like; say, dost thou not?

How. I doe my Lord, and that for certainty.

Bur. I haue found it now: the villaine Constable

Hath secretly with *Edward* thus compact,

To ioine our King and him in amity,

And thereby doubtlesse, got into his hands

Such Lands and Dukedomes as I aimed at,

And leaues me disappointed in my hope:

A plague vpon such crafty couensing;

Now shall I be a marke for them to aime at,

And that vile slaue to triumph at my foile.

Con. 'Tis so: for it can be no otherwise,

Burgundy hath been priuy to this plot,

Conspir'd with *Loues* and the English King:

To saue his owne stake, and assure himselfe

Of all those Seignuries I hoped for,

And thereupon this close peace is contriu'd:

Now must the Constable be as a Butte,

For all their bullets to be leuel'd at.

Hell and hot vengeance light on *Burgundy*,

For this his subtile secret villany.

Bur. Well good fellow, for thy paines take that,

Leaue me alone: for I am much displeas'd.

to Sel.

Con. And get thee gone my friend, ther's for thy paines,

So leaue me to my selfe.

to How.

Sel. Fare ye well sir, I hope I haue pepperd ye.

How. And so I thinke haue I my Constable.

Exeunt Sellenger and Howard.

N 3

Bur.

The second part of

Bur. Now Constable, this peace, this peace,
What thinke you of it man?

Con. Nay, rather what thinkes *Burgundy*?

Bur. I thinke, he that did contriue the same
Was little lesse than a dissembling villaine.

Con. Dog, bite thy selfe: come on, come on,
Haue you not plai'd Iohn for the King
To saue your selfe Sir?

Bur. I, art thou good at that?
Adiew Sir, I may chance to hit you pat.

Exit.

Con. You may Sir: I perhaps may be before ye,
And for this cunning through the nose to bore ye. *Exeunt.*

*Enter King Edward, King Lewes, Howard, Sellenger
and the traine.*

K. Ed. So *Sellenger*, we then perceiue by thee
The Duke is passing angry at our league.

Sel. I my dread Lord, beyond comparison,
Like a mad dog snatching at euery one
That passeth by: shall I but shew you how,
And act the manner of his tragick furie?

K. No, stay a while: me thought I heard thee say,
They meane to greet vs by their messengers.

Sel. They did my Lord.

K. What, and the Constable too?

How. My Soueraigne, yes.

K. But how tooke he the newes?

How. Faith, euen as discontented as might be:
But being a more deepe malancholiste,
And fullener of temper than the Duke,
He chawes his malice, fumes and froths at mouth,
Vttering but little more, than what we gather
By his disturbed lookes and riuel'd front,
Saiuing that now and then his boiling passion
Dams'd vp as in a fornace, finding vent,
Breaks through his seuer'd lips into short pusses,
And then he mumbles forth a word or two,
As doth a toothlesse Monke when he is at mattens.

King.

King Edward the fourth.

King. Oh! it was sport alone to note their carriage.

Sel. Sport? my Lord will you heare me speake,
And if I doe not weary you with laughter,
Ne're trust *Tom Sellenger* more vpon his word.

Sound a trumpet.

K. I pray thee peace: by this it should appeare
One of their messengers is come, goe see.
Vpon my life, we shall haue some deuise
Of new dissimulation: how now *Tom*?

Sel. 'Tis as your Highnesse did suppose my Lord,
Here is a messenger from *Burgundy*.

K. Excellent good, admit him presently:
And Brother of *France*, let me entreat your Grace
To stand aside a little in my Tent,
Lest finding vs together, he refraine
To tell the message he is sent about.
So sure I am perswaded, we shall finde
Some notable peece of knauerie set afoote.

K.L. With all my heart: vrge him, speake lowd enough,
That I, my Lord, may vnderstand him too. *Exit.*

Enter the Lord of Conte.

K.Ed. Feare not, I haue the method in my minde:
What, is it you my Lord of Conte? wellcome,
How doth the valiant Duke? in health I hope.

Con. In health (my Lord) of body though in minde
Somewhat distempered, that your Grace hath ioin'd
In league with his professed enemie.

K.Ed. How say you that my Lord? pray you speake out:
For I of late by reason of a cold,
Am somewhat thicke of hearing.

Con. Thus my Lord:
Your Grace demanded if the Duke were well,
I answer you, he is in health of body,
Though inwardly in minde somewhat perplext,
That you without his knowledge haue tane truce
With childish *Lewes*, heartlesse King of *France*.

K.Ed. With whom I pray thee? a little lowder Sir,

Con.

The second part of

Con. With childish *Lewes* that heartlesse King of *France*.

K.Ed. I now doe vnderstand you, is it that
He takes vnkindly? why, if he had come
With his expected Forces as he promist,
I had been still vncapable of peace:
But he deceiuing me, the fault was his.

Con. No my good Lord, the fault was not in him,
But in that lewd pernicious counterfait,
That crafty Foxe the Constable of *France*:
Who counseld him to keep him at his siege,
Saying, it would be more dishonorable
To rise from thence, than any way profitable
To meet your Maiesty: beside my Lord,
It hath been proued since, how much the Constable
Hates your proceedings, by that wilfull shot
Was made against you from *S. Quintins* walles,
Which though he seem'd to colour with faire speech,
The truth is, they did leuell at your selfe,
And grieued when they heard you were not slaine.

K.Ed. May I be so bold to credit your report?

Con. The Duke vpon his honor bad me say
That it was true, and therewithall, quoth he,
Tell noble *Edward*, if he will recant
And fall from *Lewes* againe, knowing it is
Mōre for his dignity to be sole King,
And conquer *France* as did his Ancestors,
Than take a fee and so be satisfied,
That I am ready with twelue thousand souldiers
All well appointed, and not only will
Deliuier him the Constable of *France*,
(That he may punish him as he sees good)
But seate him in the Throne imperiall,
Which now another basely doth vsurpe.

K.Ed. Speake that againe, I heard not your last words.

Con. But seate you in the Throne imperiall,
Which now another basely doth vsurpe.

K.Ed. I thanke his Honour for his good regard:

Pleaseth

King Edward the fourth.

Pleaseth you stay till we haue paus'd vpon it,
And you shall haue our answer to the Duke:

Tom Sellenger receiue him to your Tent,
And let him taste a cup of Orleance wine.

Now my Kingly Brother, haue you heard this newes?

K.L. So plainly my Lord, that I scarce held my selfe
From stepping forth, hearing my royall name
So much prophan'd and slubber'd as it was:

But I do weigh the person like himselfe,
From whence it came, a flie dissembler,
And spight my anger I was forst sometime,
To smile to think, the Duke doth hang his friend
Behind his back, whom to his face he smoothes.

K.Ed. But we shall haue farre better sport anon:
Howard tells me, that another messenger
Is come in post hast from the Constable:
As you haue begun, with patience heare the rest.

K.L. No more adoo, Ile to my place againe:
Remember that you still be deafe my Lord.

K.Ed. I warrant you: *Howard*, call in the messenger.

Enter the messenger from the Constable.

Mes. Health to the victorious King of England.

K.Ed. Tell him he must straine out his voice alowd,
For I am somewhat deafe, and cannot heare.

How. His Maiesty requests you to speake out,
Because his hearing is of late decaid.

Mes. The worthy Earle *S. Paul*.

K.Ed. Come neer me.

Mes. The worthy Earle *S. Paul* greets noble *Edward*,
And giues your Grace to vnderstand by me,
That whereas *Charles* that painted sepulchre,
And most disloiall Duke of *Burgundy*,
Hath but vsurpt the habite of a friend,
Being in heart your deadly enemy;
As well appeares in his false breach of promise:
And that whereas he neuer meant himselfe,
To send you aide, but likewise was the meane

The second part of

To hinder my Lords well affected duty,
Alledging, you desir'd his company,
But that you might betray him to the King,
Beside, whereas it will be prou'd my Lord,
That he did hire the Gunner of S. *Quintins*;
For a large summe of mony, to discharge
Three seuerall peeces of great Ordnance,
Vpon your comming to that cursed towne,
To slay your Maiesty : in which regard,
If it will please you to reuoke from *France*,
And thinke of *Burgundy* as he deserves,
The Duke with expedition bad me say,
That he would put the Earle into your hands,
Whereby you might reuenge his treacherous purpose,
And aide you too, with twice fise thousand men,
And seate you like a Conquerour in *France*.

K.Ed. Can it seem possible, that two such friends,
So firmly knit together as they were,
Should on a sudden now be such great foes ?

Mef. The Earle, my Lord, could never abide the Duke.
Since his last treason, against your sacred person
Before S. *Quintins*, came to open light.

K.Ed. Was that the cause of their dissention then ?

Mef. It was, my Lord.

K.Ed. Well, I will thinke vpon't,
And you shall haue your answer by and by.
Cousin *Howard* take him aside,
But let him be kept from the others sight.

How. Sir, will you walk in, my Lord will take aduice,
And so dispatch you back againe vnto the Earle.

K.L. Here's vying of villany, who shall haue all,
Fraud with deceit, deceit with fraud outfac'd,
I would the deuill were there to cry swoope stake:
But how intends your Grace to deale with them ?

K.Ed. Faith in their kinde, I am the Steele you see,
Against the which their enuie being strook,
The sparkles of hypocrisie flis forth.

'King Edward the fourth.'

'I were not amiss to quench them in their blood.

Enter another messenger to the king of France with letters.

Mes. My Lord, here's letters to your Maiesty,
One from the Duke of *Burgundy*, the other from
the Constable.

K.L. More villany, a thousand crownes to nothing.

K.Ed. Can there be more than is already broacht?
Me thinks, they haue already done so well,
As this may serue to bring them both to Hell.

K.L. No, no, they are indifferently well loaden,
But yet their fraught's not full, (see other ware,
Other prouision to prepare their way,
The very same (my Lord) which they pretend
In love to you, against my life and Crowne,
The same they yndertake to doe for me,
Against your safety, vrging if I please,
That they will ioine their forces both with mine,
And in your back returne to *Calice*, cut the throats
Of you and all your souldiers.

K.Ed. O! damnable!
But that I see it figur'd in these lines,
I would haue sworne there had been nothing left,
For their pernicious braine to worke vpon.

K.L. A Traitor is like a bold-fac'd Heretick,
That neuer will be brought unto a *non plus*,
So long as he hath liberty to speak.

K.Ed. The way to cure them, is to cut them off:
Call forth their messengers once more to vs.

How. Both of them, my Lord?

K.Ed. Yes, both together:
Weel see if they haue grace to blush or no,
At that their masters shame not to attempt,

Enter both the messengers.

Con. What, is his Maiesty of *France* so neer?
And Mounseieur *Rosse*, the Earles Secretary?
If eare some hurt depends vpon his presence.

Mes. How comes it that I see the French King here?

O s

Land

The second part of

I; and the Lord of Conte too me thinks,
Pray God our message be not made a scorne.

K. Ed. You told me that you came from Earle *S. Paul*.

Mef. I did my Lord, and therein fabled not.

K. Ed. You told me of many kind indeuours,
Which he intended for our benefite?

Mef. No more than he is willing to performe,

K. Ed. Know you his hand writing, if you see't?

Mef. I doe my Lord.

K. Ed. Is this his hand, or no?

Mef. I cannot say but that it is his hand.

K. Ed. How comes it then, that vnderneath his hand
My death is sought, when you that are his mouth,

Turne to our eares a quite contrary tale?

The like read you decypher'd in this paper,

Concerning treacherous wauering *Burgundy*:

Vnlesse you grant they can diuide themselves,

And of two shapes become foure substances,

How is it I should haue their knightly aide,

And yet by them be vtterly destroi'd?

K. L. And I to be protected by their meanes,
And yet they shall conspire against my life.

K. Ed. What call you this but vile hypocrisie?

K. L. Nay, peasant-like vnheard of treachery.

Con. My Lord, vpbraide not me with this offence:
I doe protest I knew of no such letters,

Nor any other intention of the Duke,

More than before was vttered in my message.

Sel. Will you be halting too before a creeple?

Doe you not remember what they were,

That first did certifie the Duke, of truce

Betwixt the renowned *Edward* and the French?

Con. Yes, they were two souldiers, what of that?

Sel. Those souldiers were this Gentleman and I,
Where we did heare the foule mouth'd Duke exclaime,

Against our noble Soueraigne and this Prince,

And roard and bellow'd like a parish-Bell,

And

King Edward the fourth.

And that in hearing both of you and him :
His words, so please my Lord, I can repeat,
As he did speak them at the very time.

K. Ed. Well, they are messengers, and for that cause
We are content to bear with their amisse:
But keep them safe, and let them not returne,
To carry tales vnto those counterfeits,
Vntill you haue them both as fast insnar'd.
To compasse which the better, Brother of *France*,
Fieue thousand of our souldiers here we leaue,
To be implo'd in service to that end.
The rest with us to *England* shall returne.

Exit.

Enter Chorus.

Chor. King *Edward* is returned home to *England*,
And *Lewes* King of *France*, soone afterward
Surpized both his subtile enemies,
Rewarding them with traiterous recompence.
Now doe we draw the curtaine of our Scene,
To speak of *Shoare* and his faire wife againe,
With other matters thereupon depending.
You must imagine since you saw him last
Prepar'd for travaile, he hath been abroad,
And seen the sundry fashions of the world,
Flysses like, his countries loue at length,
Hoping his wives death, and to see his friends,
Such as did sorrow for his great mishaps.
Come home is he, but so vnluckily,
As he is like to lose his life thereby.
His and her fortunes shall we now pursue,
Grac'd with your gentle sufferance and view.

Exeunt.

Enter mistress Shoare with Iockie her man, and some attendants more, and is met by sir Robert Brakenbury.

Iane. Haue you bestowed our small beneuolence,
On the poore prisoners in the common Goale,
Of the white Lyon and the Kings bench?

Ioc. Yes forsooth.

Ia. What prison 's this?

O 3

Iockie

The second part of

Iockie. The Marshalsea forsooth.

Enter sir Robert Brakenbury.

Bra. Well met faire Lady, in the happiest time,
And choicest place that my desire could wish:
Without offence, Where haue you been this way?

Ia. To take the aire here in *S. Georges* fields,
Sir Robert Brakenbury, and to visit some
Poore patients that cannot visit me.

Bra. Are you a Physitian?

Ia. I, a simple one.

Bra. What disease cure ye?

Ia. Faith none perfectly:

My Physick, doth but mitigate the paine
A little while, and then it comes againe.

Bra. Sweet mistress *Shoore*, I vnderstand you not.

Ia. Master Lieutenant, I beleue you well.

Iockie. Gude faith sir *Robert Brokenbelly*, may Mastes speake
deftly and truly: for shee hes been till see thore, that cannot
come till see her, and they is peatients perforce. The prisoners
man, in the twea prisons. And she hes gynne tham her siller &
her geer till bay tham fude.

Bra. Gramercies *Iockie*, thou resolu'st my doubt,
A comfort ministring kinde Physitian,
That once a week, in her one person, visits
The prisoners, and the poore in Hospitalls,
In London or neer London euery way,
Whose purse is open to the hungry soule,
Whose piteous heart saues many a tall mans life.

Ia. Peace good sir *Robert*, 'tis not worthy praise,
Nor yet worth thanks, that is of duty done:
For you know well, the world doth know too well,
That all the coales of my poore charity,
Cannot consume the scandall of my name,
What remedie? Well, tell me gentle knight,
What meant your kinde salute and gentle speech,
At your first meeting, when you seem'd to blesse
The time and place of our encounter here?

Bra.

King Edward the fourth.

Bra. Lady, there lies here prison'd in the Marshalsea,
A Gentleman of good parents and good descent,
My dear neer kinsman, Captaine *Harry Strangnidge*.
As tall a skilfull Nauigator tri'd,
As er'e set foot in any ship at Sea,
Whose luck it was to take a prize of *France*,
As he from *Rochell* was for London bound:
For which (except his pardon be obtain'd,
By some especiall fauorite of the King)
He and his crew, a company of poore men,
Are sure to dye because 'twas since the league.

Ia. Let me see him and all his company.

Bra. Keeper, bring forth the Captaine and his crew.

*Enter Keeper, Strangnidge, Shoare disguised,
and three more fettered.*

Ioc. Now say oth diell, that like bonny men
fun be hamper't like plu iades, weas me for ye gude Lads.

Bra. I, Cousin *Harry*, this is mistris *Shoare*,
Peerlesse in Court, for beauty, bounty, pittie.

Iane viewes them all.

And if she cannot saue thee thou must dye.

Straw. Will she if she can?

Bra. I, Cousin *Strangnidge*, I.

Sho. O torment worse than death, to see her face
That caus'd her shame, and my vniust disgrace!
O that our mutuall eies were *Basiliskes*,
To kill each other at his enterview.

aside.

Bra. How like ye him Lady? you haue view'd him well.

Ia. I pittie him, and that same proper man
That turnes his back, asham'd of this distresse.

Sho. Asham'd of thee, cause of my heauinesse.

Ia. And all the rest, oh were the King return'd,
There might be hope, but ere his comming home,
They may be tri'd, condemn'd, and iudg'd and dead.

Sho. I am condemn'd by sentence of defame,
O were I dead, I might not see my shame.

aside.

Bra. Your credit, Lady, may prolong their trial:

What

The second part of

What Iudge is he that will give you deniall?

Ia. He rack my credit, and will lanch my crownes
To saue their liues if they haue done no murther.

Sbo. O thou hast crackt my credit with a crowne, *aside.*
And mured me poore *Matthew Shoare* aliuie.

Stran. Faire Lady, we did shed no drop of blood,
Nor cast one Frenchman ouer-boord, and yet
Because the league was made before the fact,
Which we poore sea-men (God knowes) neuer heard,
We doubt our liues, yea, though we should restore
Trebble the value that we took, and more.

'Twas lawfull prize when I put out to Sea,
And warrant in my commission,
The Kings are since combin'd in amity,
(Long may it last) and I vnwittingly
Haue took a Frenchman since the truce was tane:
And if I die, *via*, one day I must,

And God will pardon all my sinnes I trust:
My grieve will be for these poore harmlesse men,
Who thought my warrant might suborne the deed,
Chiefely that Gentleman that stands sadly there,
Who (on my soule) was but a passenger.

Ia. Well Capitaine *Stranguidge*, were the King at home,
I could say more.

Stran. Lady, hee's come a shore:
Last night at *Douer*, my boy came from thence,
And saw his Highnesse land.

Ia. Then courage sirs,
He vse my fairest meanes to saue your liues,
In the meane season, spend that for my sake. *casts her purse.*

*Enter Lord Marquesse Dorset, and claps
her on the shoulder.*

Mar. By your leaue mistress *Shoare*, I haue taken paines
To finde you out, Come, you must goe with me.

Ia. Whither, my Lord?

Mar. Vnto the Queen my mother.

Ia. Good my L. *Marquesse Dorset*, wrong me not.

Mar.

King Edward the fourth.

Mar. I cannot wrong thee as thou wrongst my mother,
He bring thee to her, let her vse her pleasure.

Ia. Against my will I wrong her good my Lord,
Yet am asham'd to see her Maiesty.
Sweet Lord excuse me, say you saw me not.

Mar. Shall I delude my mother for a whore?
No mistress *Shoare*, you must goe to the Queen.

Ia. Must I my Lord? what will she doe to me?
Vse violence on me now the Kings away?
Alas, my Lord, behold this showre of teares,
Which kind King *Edward* would compassionate,
Bring me not to her: she will slit my nose,
Or marke my face, or spurne me vnto death.
Looke on me Lord, can you find in your heart,
To haue me spoil'd that neuer thought you harme?
Or rather with your rapier runne me through,
Than carry me to the displeased Queen.

Sho. O hadst thou neuer broke thy vow to me,
From feare and wrong had I defended thee.

Mar. I am inexorable, therefore arise
And goe with me: What rascall crue is this?
Mistress *Shoares* tutors? such slaues make her proud:
What sir *Robert Brakenbury*, you a *Shorist* too?

Bra. No *Shorist*, but to saue my cousins life.

Mar. Then he be hang'd if he escape for this
The rather, for your meanes to mistress *Shoare*.
My mother can doe nothing, this whore all,
Come away minion, you shall prate no more.

Ia. Pray for me friends, and I will pray for you,
God send you better hap than I expect.
Goe to my lodging you, and if I perish,
Take what is there in lieu of your true seruice.

Ioc. Na a maye sale ayse nere forsake my gud maistres,
Till aye hea seen tha worst that spight can du her.

Exeunt Mar quesse, and Iane and theirs.

Sho. For all the wrong that thou hast done to me,
They should not hurt thee yet if I were free.

P

Bra.

The second part of

Bra. See cousin *Strangwidge* how the case is chang'd,
She that could helpe thee cannot helpe her selfe.

Stran. What remedy? the God of heauen helps all:
What say you mates? our hope of life is dasht,
Now none but God, let's put our trust in him,
And euery man repent him of his sinne,
And as together we haue liu'd like men,
So like fall men together let vs dye:
The best is, if we dye for this offence,
Our ignorance shall plead our innocence.

Kee. Your meat is ready (Captaine) you must in.

Stran. Must I? I will: cousin what will you doe?

Bra. Visit you soone, but now I will to Court,
To see what shall become of mistris *Shoare*.

Stran. God speed you well.

Kee. Come sir, will you goe in?

Sho. Ile eat no meat, giue me leaue to walke here.

Am I not left alone? no, millions

Of miseries attend me euery where:

Ah *Matthem Shoare*, how doth all-seeing Heauen,
Punish some sinne, from thy blind conscience hid?

Inflicting paine where all thy pleasure was,

And by my wife came all these woes to passe,

She fals'd her faith, and brak her wedlocks band,

Her honour fallen, how could my credit stand?

Yet will not I, poor *Iane*, on thee exclaime;

Though guilty thou, I guiltlesse suffer shame:

I left this land too little for my griefe,

Returning, am accounted as a theefe,

Who in that ship came for a passenger,

To see my friends, hoping the death of her,

At sight of whom some sparkes of former loue,

(Hid in affections ashes) pittie moue,

Kindling compassion in my broken heart,

That bleeds to thinke on her insuing smart.

O see weak womens imperfections,

That leaue their husbands safe protections,

Hazarding

King Edward the fourth.

Hazzarding all on strangers flatteries,
Whose lust alaid, leaues them to miserie,
See what dishonour breach of wedlock brings,
Which is not safe euen in the armes of Kings:
Thus do I *Iane* lament thy present state,
Wishing my teares thy torments might abate. *Exit.*

*Enter the Queen, Marquesse Dorset lea ding mistis
Shoare, who falls downe on her knees before the
Queen, fearfull and weeping.*

Qn. Now (as I am a Queen) a goodly creature;
Son, how was she attended where you found her?

Mar. Madame, I found her at the Marshalsea,
Going to visit the poor prisoners,
As she came by, hauing been to take the aire,
And there the Keeper told me, she oft dealers
Such bounteous almes as seldome hath been seen.

Qn. Now before Cock, she would make a gallant Queen,
But good son *Dorset* stand aside awhile.
God saue your Maiesty my Lady *Shoare*,
My Lady *Shoare*, said I? oh blasphemy,
To wrong your title with a Ladies name;
Queen Shoate, nay, rather *Empresse Shoare*,
God saue your Grace, your Maiesty, your Highnesse:
Lord, I want titles, you must pardon me.
What? you kneel there, *King Edwards* bedfellow,
And I your subiect sit? fie, fie for shame.
Come take your place, and Ile kneel where you doe,
I may take your place, you may take mine.
Good Lord, that you will so debase your selfe,
I am sure you are our sister Queen at least,
Nay that you are, then let vs sit together.

Ia. Great Queen, yet hear me, if my sinne committed,
Hath not slopt vp all passage to your mercy,
To tell the wrongs that I haue done, your Highnesse
Might make reuenge exceed extremity,
Oh had I words or tongue to vtter it,
To plead my womans weaknesse and his strength,

The second part of

That was the only worker of my fall.
Euen innocence her selfe would blush for shame,
Once to be nam'd or spoken of in this,
Let them expect for mercy, whose offence
May but be called sinne, oh mine is more,
Prostrate as earth, before your Highnesse feet,
Inflit what torments you shall thinke most meet.

Ma. Spurne the whore (mother) teare those enticing eies,
That rob'd you of King *Edwards* dearest loue.
Mangle those lockes, the baits to his desires,
Let me come to her: you but stand and talk,
As if reuenge consisted but in words.

Qu. Sonne stand aloofe, and doe not trouble me.
Alas poore soule, as much adoo haue I, *aside.*
To forbear teares to keep her company:
Yet once more will I to my former humor.
Why as I am, think that thou wert a Queen,
And I as thou, should wrong thy princely bed,
And winne the King thy husband, as thou mine?
Would it not sting thy soule? or if that I
Being a Queen, while thou didst loue thy husband,
Should but haue done as thou hast done to me,
Would it not grieve thee? yes I warrant thee.
Ther's not the meaneſt woman that doth liue,
But if she like and loue her husband well,
She had rather feele his warme lims in her bed,
Than see him in the armes of any Queen.
You are flesh and blood as we, and we as you,
And all alike in our affections,
Though maiesty makes vs the more ambitious.
What 'tis to fall into so great a hand,
Knowledge might teach thee: there was once a King.
Henry the second, who did keep his Lemman,
Cag'd vp at *Woodstocke* in a labyrinth,
His Queen yet got a trick to find her out,
And how she vs'd her, I am sure thou hast heard:
Thou art not mew'd vp in some secret place,
But kept in Court here vnderneath my nose:

Now

King Edward the fourth.

Now in the absence of my Lord the King,
Haue I not time most fitting for reuenge?
Fairst *Rosamond*, she a pure virgin was,
Vntill the King seduc'd her to his will.
She wron'g but one bed, only the angry Queen's:
But thou hast wronged two, mine and thy husbands:
Be then thy owne iudge, and now in iustice see,
What due reuenge I ought to take on thee.

Ia. Euen what you will (great Queen) here doe I lye,
Humble and prostrate at your Highnesse feet,
Infiect on me what may reuenge your wrong:
Was neuer lambe abode more patiently,
Than I will doe: call all your griefes to mind,
And doe euen what you will, or how likes you,
I will not stirre, I will not shrike or cry,
Be it torture, poison, any punishment:
Was neuer Doue, or Turtle more submisse,
Than I will be vnto your chastisement.

Mar. Fetcht I her for this? mother let me come to her:
And what compassion will not suffer you.
To doe to her, referre the same to me.

Qu. Touch her not sonne, vpon thy life I charge thee,
But keep off still, if thou wilt haue my love. *Exit Mar.*
I am glad to hear you are so well resolu'd,
To bear the burthen of my iust displeasure.

*She drawes forth a knife, and making as though she meant to spoile
her face, runs to her, and falling on her knees, embraces
and kisses her, casting away the knife.*

Thus then Ile doe, alas poore soule,
Shall I weep with thee? in faith poore heart I will,
Be of good comfort, thou shalt haue no harme,
But if that kisses haue the power to kill thee,
Thus, thus, and thus a thousand times Ile stab thee.

Iane I forgiue thee: what fort is so strong,
But with besieging he will batter it?
Weep not (sweet *Iane*) alas I know thy sexe,
Toucht with the selfe same weaknesse that thou art,

The second part of

And if my state had been as meane as thine,
And such a beauty to allure his eye,
(Though I may promise much to mine owne strength)
What might haue hapt to me, I cannot tell.
Nay fear not, for I speak it with my heart,
And in thy sorrow truly bear a part.

Ia. Most high and mighty Queen, may I belecue
There can be found such mercy in a woman,
And in a Queen, more than in a wife,
So deeply wrong'd as I haue wronged you?
In this bright crysell mirrour of your mercie,
I see the greatnesse of my sinne the more,
And makes my fault more odious in mine eies.
Your princely pittie now doth wound me more,
Than all your threatnings euer did before.

Qu. Rise vp sweet *Iane*, I say thou shalt not kneel.
Oh God forbid, that *Edwards* Queen should hate
Her, whom she knowes he doth so dearly loue,
My loue to her may purchase me his loue.
Iane, speak well vnto the King of me and mine,
Remember not my sonnes ore-hasty speech,
Thou art my sister, and I loue thee so.
I know thou maist doe much with my dear Lord,
Speak well of vs to him in any case,
And I and mine will loue and cherish thee.

Ia. All I can do is all too little too,
But to requite the least part of this grace,
The dearest thoughts that harbour in this brest,
Shall in your seruice only be exprest.

*Enter King Edward dangerly, his Lords following,
and sir Robert Brakenbury.*

King. What, is my *Iane* with her? 'tis too true,
See where she hath her downe vpon her knees.
Why how now *Besse*? what will you wrong my *Iane*?
Come hither Loue, what hath she done to thee.

Iane falls on her knees to the King.

Ia. Oh royall *Edward*, loue thy beauteous Queen,

The

King Edward the fourth.

The only perfect mirrour of her kind,
For all the choicest vertues can be nam'd.
Oh let not my bewitching lookes, withdraw
Your dear affections from your dearer Queen;
But to requite the grace which she hath shown,
To me the worthlesse creature on this earth,
To banish me the Court immediatly.
Great King, let me but beg one boone of thee,
That *Shoares* wife nere doe her more iniurie.

*As Iane kneels on one side the King, so the Queen
steps and kneels on the other.*

Qu. Nay, then Ile beg against her royall *Edward*:
Louethy Iane still, nay more if more may be, *kissing her.*
And this is all the harme that at my hands
She shall indure for it. Oh where my *Edward* loues,
It ill befits his Queen to grudge thereat.

K. Saist thou me so *Besse*? on my kingly word,
Edward will honour thee in heart for this:
But trust me *Besse*, I greatly was affraid,
I should not find ye in so good a tune.
How now, what would our Constable of the Towre?

Bra. The Queen and M. *Shoare* do know my sute.

Qu. It is for *Stranguidge* and his men at sea,
Edward needs must you pardon them.

K. Haue I not vowed the contrary already?
Dishonour me when I haue made a league?
My word is past, and they shall suffer death,
Or neuer more let me see *France* againe.

Ia. Why, there is one is but a passenger,
Shall he dye too?

K. Passe me no passage *Iane*, were he in company,
he dies for company.

Qu. Good *Iane* intreat for them.

Ia. Come *Edward*, I must not take this answer,
Needs must I haue some grace for *Stranguidge*.

K. Why *Iane*, haue I not denied my Queen?
Yet what is't *Iane*, I would deny to thee?

I prethee

The second part of

I prethee *Brakenbury* be not thou displeas'd,
My word is past, not one of them shall liue,
One goe and see them forthwith sent to death.

Exeunt.

Enter Clarence, Gloster, and Shaw.

Glo. I cannot see this prophesie you speak of,
Should any way so much displease the King,
And yet I promise yee good brother *Clarence*,
'Tis such a letter as concernes vs both,
That *G.* should put away King *Edwards* children,
And sit vpon his Throne? That *G.* should? well.

Cla. God blefs the King, & those two sweet yongue Princes.

Glo. Amen, good brother *Clarence*.

Shaw. Amen.

Glo. And send them all to heauen shortly I beseech him.

Cla. The King's much troubled in his sicknesse with it.

Glo. I promise you he is, and very much:

But Doctor *Shaw*, who prophesied that *G.* should bee so sadly
ominous to vs?

Shaw. My Lord of Glocester, I receiu'd the same
From old Frier *Anselme* of S. Bartholmewes.

Glo. A great learned man he was, and as I haue heard,
Hath prophesied of very many things:

I promise you it troubles me,

I hope in me his prophesie is true.

aside.

Cla. And so it does me, I tell you brother Glocester.

Glo. I am sure it does: for look you brother *Clarence*,
We know not how his Highnesse will apply it,

We are but two, your selfe my Lord and I,
Should the yongue Princes faile, which God defend.

Cla. Which God defend.

D. Shaw. Which God defend.

Glo. aside. But they should be cut off: Amen, Amen.
You brother first, and should your issue faile,
Poor I am next, the yonguest of the three:
But how farre I am from a thought of that,
Heauen witnesse with me, that I wish you dead.

aside.

Cla. Brother, I durst be sworne.

Glo.

King Edward the fourth.

Glo. God bleſſe you all, and take you to him if it be his will.
Now brother, this prophesie of *G.* troubling the King,
He may as well apply it vnto *Gloceſter*,
My Dukedomes name, if he be iealous
As vnto *George* your name, good brother *Clarence*:
God help, God help, ifaith it troubles me,
You would not think how: *aside*. that any of you liue.

Cla. It cannot chuse: how innocent I am,
And how vnspotted are my loyall thoughts
Vnto his Highnesse, and those sweet yongue Princes,
God be my record,

Glo. Who you? I durst answer for you,
That I shall cut you off ere it be long. *aside.*

But reuerend Doctor, you can only tell,
Being his Highnesse Confessor, how he takes it. *aside to*
Shaw. You know my mind, a villaine like my selfe. *Shaw.*

Shaw. My Lord of *Clarence*, I must tell your Lordship,
His Highnesse is much troubled in his sicknesse,
With this same prophesie of *G.* Who is this *G*?
Oft times he will demand, then will he sigh,
And name his brother *George*, your selfe my Lord,
And then he strikes his breast. I promise you
This morning in the extreamest of his fit,
He lay so still, we all thought he had slept,
When suddenly, *George* is the *G.* quoth he,
And gaue a groane, and turn'd his face away.

Cla. God be my witnesse, witnesse with my soule,
My iust and vpight thoughts to him and his,
I stand so guiltlesse and so innocent,
As I could wish my breast to be transparent,
And my thoughts written in great letters there,
The world might read the secrets of my soule.

Glo. Ah brother *Clarence*, when you are suspected!
Well, well it is a wicked world the while:
But shall I tell you brother in plaine termes,
I fear, your selfe and I haue enemies
About the King, God pardon them,

Q

The

The second part of

The world was neuer worse to be trusted :

Ah Brother *George*, where is that loue that was ?

Ah, it is banisht brother from the world.

Ah, Conscience, conscience, and true brotherhood,

'Tis gone, 'tis gone, brother I am your friend,

I am your loving brother, your owne selfe,

And loue you as my soule, vse me in what you please,

And you shall see Ile doe a brothers part,

Send you to heauen I hope, ere it be long :

I am a true stampt villaine as euer liu'd.

aside.

Cl. I know you will ; then brother I beseech you,

Plead you mine innocence vnto the King,

And in meane time to tell my loyalty,

Ile keep within my house at *Bainards* Castle,

Vntill I heare how my dread Soueraigne takes it.

Glo. Doe so good brother.

Cl. Farewell good brother *Gloster*.

Glo. My teares will scarcely take my leaue,

I loue you so: Farewell sweet *George*.

Exit Cl.

So, is he gone? now *Shaw* 'tis in thy power,

To binde me to thee euerlastingly,

And there is not one step that I shall rise,

But I will draw thee with me vnto greatnesse;

Thou shalt sit in my bosome as my soule :

Incense the King, now being as thou art,

So neer about him, and his Confessor,

That this *G.* only is *George* Duke of *Clarence*.

Doctor, thou need'st not my instruction,

Thou hast a searching braine, a nimble spirit,

Able to master any mans affections.

Effect it *Shaw*, and bring it to passe once,

Ile make thee the greatest *Shaw* that euer was.

Sha. My Lord, I am going by commandement,

Vnto the Marshalls, to *Strangwidge*,

For pyracie of late condemn'd to dye,

There to confesse him and his company.

That done, Ile come with speed back to the King,

And

King Edward the fourth.

And make no doubt but Ile effect the thing.

Glo. Farewell gentle Doctor.

Sba. Farewell my Lord of *Gloster*.

Exit.

Glo. Let me awake my sleeping wits awhile :

Ha, the marke thou aimest at *Richard* is a Crowne,
And many stand betwixt thee and the same,
What of all that ? Doctor play thou thy part,
Ile climbe by degrees through many a heart.

Exit.

Enter Brakenbury with Vaux the Keeper.

Bra. Why, master *Vaux*, is there no remedy,
But instantly they must be led to death ?
Can it not be deferd till afternoone,
Or but two howres, in hope to get reprieve ?

Kee. Master Lieutenant, 'tis in vaine to speak,
The King's incens'd, and will not pardon them,
The men are patient, and resolu'd to dye,
The Captaine and that other Gentleman,
Have cast the dice whether, shall suffer first.

Bra. How fell the lot, to *Strangmidge* or to him ?

Kee. The guiltlesse passenger must first goe too't.

Bra. They are all guiltlesse from intent of ill.

Kee. And yet must dye for doing of the deed.

Besides, the Duke of *Exeter* found dead,
And naked floating vp and downe the sea,
'Twixt Calice and our coast, is laid to them,
That they should rob and cast him ouer board.

Bra. My soule be pawne they neuer knew of it.

Kee. Well, bring them forth.

Bra. Stay them but yet an howre.

Kee. I dare not doe it sir *Robert Brakenbury*,
You are Lieutenant of the Towre your selfe,
And know the perill of protracting time,
Moreouer, here's that pickthanke Doctor *Shaw*,
The Duke of *Glosters* spaniell shriuing them :
Come bring them forth.

Bra. Poore *Strangmidge*, must thou dye ?

The second part of

*Enter one bearing a silver Oare before Stranguidge, Shoare,
and two or three more pinioned, and two or
three with bills, and a hangman.*

Bra. fil. I dare not say good morrow, but ill day,
That *Harry Stranguidge* is thus cast away.

Siran. Good Cousin *Brakenbury*, be at well content,
To see me dye as I to suffer death,
Be witnesse that I dye an honest man,
Because my fact prooues ill through ignorance:
And for the Duke of *Exeter* his death,
So speed my soule as I am innocent.
Here goes my griefe, this guiltlesse Gentleman,
Like *Aesops* Stork that dies for company,
And came (God knowes) but as a passenger:
Ah *M. Flud*, a thousand floods of woe,
Ore-flow my soule that thou must perish so.

Sbo. Good Captaine, let no perturbation
Hinder our passage to a better world,
This last breaths blast, will waft our weary soules
Ouer deaths gulfe, to heauens most happy port:
There is a little battaile to be fought,

*This while the hangman prepares, Shoare at this speech
mounts vp the ladder.*

Wherein by lot the leading must be mine.
Second me Captaine, and this bitter breakfast,
Shall bring a sweeter supper with the Saints.

D.S. This Christian patience at the point of death,
Doth argue he hath led no wicked life;
How euer heauen hath laid this crosse on him:
Well *Matthew Flud*, for so thou call'st thy selfe,
Finish a good course as thou hast begun,
And cleer thy conscience by confession.
What know'st thou of the Duke of *Exeters* death?

Sbo. So God respect the waygate of my soule, as
I know nothing.

D.S. Then concerning this for which thou diest,
knew *Stranguidge* of the league betwixt the Kings

before

King Edw and the fourth.

before he took that prize?

Sho. No in my conscience.

D.S. Stranguidge, what say you?

You see there's but a turne betwixt your liues,
You must be next, confesse and saue your soule,
Concerning that wherein I question'd him :
I am your ghottly father to absolve
You of your sins, if you confesse the truth.

Stran. True *D. Shaw*, and as I hope for heauen,
In that great day when we shall all appear,
I neither knew how that good Duke came dead,
Nor of the league, till I had tane the prize.
Neither was *Flud*, (that innocent dying man)
Euer with me but as a passenger.

D.S. More happy he : well *Flud* forgiue the world,
As thou wilt haue forgiuenesse from the heauens.

Sho. O so I doe, and pray the world forgiue
What wrong I did, whiles I therein did liue,
And now I pray you turne your paines to them,
And leaue me priuate for a little space,
To meditate vpon my parting hence.

D.S. Do gentle *Flud* and we will pray for thee.

Sho. Pray not for *Flud*, but pray for *Mat Shoare*,
For *Shoare*, couered with the cloak of *Flud*,
If I haue sinn'd in changing of my name,
Forgiue me God, 'twas done to hide my shame,
And I forgiue the world, King *Edward* first,
That wrackt my state, by winning of my wife,
And though he would not pardon trespass small,
In these, in me God knowes no fault at all,
I pardon him though guilty of my fall,
Perhaps he would, if had known 'twas I,
But twenty deaths I rather wish to dye,
Than liue beholding for one minutes breath
To him, that liuing, wounded me with death,
Death of my ioy, and hell of my defame,
Which now shall dye vnder this borrowed name.

The second part of

Iane God forgie thee, euen as I forgie,
And pray thou maist repent whilst thou dost liue.
I am as glad to leaue this loathed light,
As to embrace thee on our marriage night,
To dye unknown thus, is my greatest good,
That *Matthew Shaares* not hang'd, but *Matthew Flud*.
For floods of woe haue washt away the shore,
That neuer wife nor kinne shall look on more.
Now when you will, I am prepar'd to goe.

Enter Iackie running and crying.

Iac. Hawd, hawd, saye for speede, vntwisse, pull
down, pull off, God leaue the King : off with the helters, hence
with the prisoners, a pardon, a pardon.

Bra. Good newes vnlookt for, Welcome gentle friend, who
brings the pardon :

Iockie. Stoy, first lat mee blaw : my mastres, mastres *Shores*
shoe brings the pardoun, the Kings pardoun : off with thore
bands, bestow them o the hangman, may mastres made mee
runne the necest way ore the fields, shee rayds apace the hee
way, shees at hand bay this : firra ye that preech come down,
lat Doctor *Shaw* hea your place, heere the better scholler, ma-
stres *Shore* brings a new leison for you.

Sho. O I had read my latest leison well,
Had he been ready to haue said, Amen.

Points to the hangman.

Now shall I liue to see my shame againe.

Shewes comes downe.

O had I did e vnwitting to my wife,
Rather than see her, though she bring me life.

*Enter Iane in haste, in her riding cloaks and safegard,
with a pardon in her hand.*

Ia. Alas, I see that euen my smallest stay
Had lost my labour, and cast them away,
God knowes, I hasted all that ere I might,
Here master *Vaux*, King *Edward* greets you well,
His gracious pardon frees this Gentleman,
And all his company from shamefull death.

AR.

King Edward the fourth.

All. God saue the King, and God bleſſe M. *Shære.*

Ioc. Amen, and keepe theſe frea comming heere any mar.

Ia. You muſt diſcharge them, paying of their fees :

Which, for I feare their ſtore is very ſmall,

I will defray, hold, here, take purſe and all :

Nay maſter *Vaux*, 'tis gold, if not enough

Send to me, and I will pay you royally.

Stra. Lady, in the behaſte of all the reſt,

With humble thanks, I yeeld my ſelfe your ſlaue ;

Command their ſervice, and command my life.

Iane. No Captain *Strangmidge*, let the King command

Your liues and ſeruice who hath giuen you life :

Theſe and ſuch offices conſcience bids me doe.

D. Shaw. Pitty that ere awry ſhe trod her ſhooe.

Sho. O had that conſcience prickt when loue prouokt.

Bra. Lady, the laſt but not the leaſt in debt,

To your deuotion, for my Couſins life :

I render thanks, yet thanks is but a breath,

Command me (*Madame*) during life,

Old *Brakenbury* vows for you to ſtand,

Whilſt I haue lims or any foot of land.

Sho. Thus is her glory builded on the ſand.

Ia. Thanks good M. Lieutenant of the Towre.

Sirra prepare my horſe, why ſlay you here ? *to Locke.*

Pray you commend me to my noble friend,

The Duke of *Clarence*, now your priſoner,

Bid him not doubt, the Kings diſpleaſures paſt,

I hope to gaine him fauour and releaſe.

Bra. God grant you may, hee's a noble Gentleman.

D.S. My patrone *Gloſter* will croſſe it if he can.

Enter a meſſenger.

Nu. Where's miſtris *Shoore* ? Lady I come in poſt,

The King hath had a dangerous ſie,

Since you came from him, twice his Maieſty

Hath ſwounded, and wiſh much adon reui'd,

And ſtill as breath will giue him leaue to ſpeak,

He calls for you : the Queen and all the Lords

Haue

The second part of

Haue sent to seek ye, hast vnto his Grace,
Or else I fear you'l neuer see his face.

Ia. O God defend, good friends pray for the King,
More bitter are the newes which he doth bring,
Than those were sweet I brought to you of late :
If *Edward* dye confounded is my state,
Hee hast vnto him, and will spend my blood,
To saue his life or do him any good ;

Exeunt she and the messenger.

Sho. And so would I for thee, hadst thou been true :
But if he dye, bid all thy pomp adiew.

Bra. Beleeue me, but I doe not like these newes,
Of the Kings dangerous sicknesse.

Kee. No nor I :

Captaine, and master *Flud*, and all the rest,
I doe reioice your pardon was obtain'd,
Before these newes, these inauspicious newes :
If the King dye, the state will soone be chang'd,
M. Lieutenant, you'l goe to the Tower ;
Hee take my leaue, Gallants, God bnoye all.

Exeunt Vaux and his traine.

Stran. God buoy M. *Vaux*, I wis ye ha lost good guests.

Bra. You shall be my guests for a night or two,
Cousin, till your owne lodging be prepar'd :
But tell me sir, what meanes hath M. *Flud*?

Stran. I cannot tell, He aske him if you will.

Bra. Doe so, and if his fortunes be debas'd,
Hee entertaine him if hee dwell with me,
On good condition.

Stran. M. *Matthew Flud*,

Hear ye my Cousin *Brakenburies* mind ?
He hath conceiu'd such liking of your parts,
That if your meanes surmount not his suppose,
Hee entertaine ye gladly at the Tower,
To wait on him, and put you in great trust.

Sho. In what I vndertake I will be iust,
And hold me happy, if my diligence

May

King Edward the fourth.

May please so worthy a Gentleman as he:
What ere my fortunes haue been, they are now
Such as to seruice make their matter bow.

Bra. No *Flud*, more like a friend and fellow mate,
I meane to vse thee, than a seruitor,
And place thee in some credit in the Tower,
And giue thee meanes to liue in some good sort.

Sho. I thank you sir, God grant I may deserue it.

Bra. Cousin, and all your crue, come home with me,
Where after sorrow we may merry be.

Sho. The Tower will be a place of secret rest,
Where I may hear good newes and bad, and vse the best:
God bleffe the King, a worse may wear the Crowne,
And then *Iane Shoare*, thy credit will come downe:
For though Ile neuer bed nor boord with thee,
Yet thy destruction with I not to see,
Because I lou'd thee when thou wast my wife,
Not for now sauing my disdained life:
Which lasts too long, God grant vs both to mend.
Well, I must in my seruice to attend. *Exit.*

The Lord Louell, and Doctor Shaw meet on the stage.

Shaw. Well met my good Lord *Louell*.

Lo. Whither away so fast goes D. *Shaw*?

Sha. Why, to the Tower, to shriue the Duke of *Clarence*,
Who as I hear is false so grievous sick,
As it is thought he can by no meanes escape.

Lo. He neither can, nor shall I warrant thee.

Sh. I hope my Lord, he is not dead already.

Lo. But I hope sir he is, I am sure I saw him dead
Of a flies death, drown'd in a butte of *Malmsey*.

Sh. Drown'd in a butte of *Malmsey*? that's strange,
Doubtlesse, he neuer would misdoe himselfe.

Lo. No, that thou know'st right well, hee had some helpers,
Thy hand was in it with the Duke of *Glosters*,
As smoothly as thou seek'st to couer it.

Sha. Oh fowle words my Lord, no more of that,
The world knowes nothing, then what should I fear?

R

Doth

The second part of

Doth not your honour seek promotion ?
Oh giue the Doctor then a little leaue,
So that he gaine preferment with a King,
Cares not who goes to wrack, whose heart doth wring.

Lo. A King ? what King ?

Sb. Why *Richard*, man : who else ? good Lord I see
Wife men sometimes haue weak capacitie.

Lo. Why, is not *Edward* liuing ? and if he were not,
Hath he not children ? what shall become of them ?

Sb. Why man, lining for beds, a knife, or so.
What ? make a boy a King and a man stand by ?
Richard a man for vs ? fie that were a shame.

Lo. Nay, then I see if *Edward* were deceast,
Which way the game would goe.

Sb. What else my Lord ?
That way the current of our fortune runs,
By noble *Richard*, gallant, roiall *Richard*,
He is the man must only do vs good,
So I haue honour, let me swim through blood.
My Lord, be but at *Pauls* crosse on Sunday next,
I hope I haue it here shall soundly proue,
King *Edwards* children not legitimate :
Nay, and that for *Edward* ruling now,
And *George* the Duke of *Clarence* so late dead,
Their mother hapt to tread the shooe awry

Lo. Why what is *Richard* then ?

Sb. Tut, a lawfull man, he saies it so himselfe,
And what he saies, Ile be so bold to swear,
Though in my soule I know it otherwise,
Beware promotion while you liue my Lord.

Enter Catesbie,

Ca. A staff, a staff, a thousand crownes for a staff.

Lo. What staff sir *William Catesbie* ?

Ca. Why man, a whise staff for my I. Protector.

Lo. Why, is King *Edward* dead ?

Ca. Dead *Lenell*, dead, and *Richard* our good Lord,
Is made Protector of the sweet yongue Prince.

Oh

King Edward the fourth.

Oh for a staff, where might I haue a staff,
That I might first present it to his hand?

Sb. Now do I smell two Bishopwricks at least,
My sermon shall be pepper'd sound for this.

Enter mistress Shore weeping, Iockie following.

Ca. Why how now mistress *Shore*? what, put finger in the
Nay, then I see you haue some cause to cry. (eye?)

Lo. I blame her not, her chiefest stay is gone,
The only staff she had to leane vpon,
I see by her these tidings are too true.

Ia. I my Lord *Lonell*, they are too true indeed,
Roiall King *Edward* now hath breath'd his last,
The *Queen* turn'd out, and euery friend put by,
None now admitted but whom *Richard* please.

Lo. Why doubtlesse *Richard* will be kind to you.

Ia. Ah my Lord *Lonell*, God blesse me from his kindnesse;
No sooner was the white staff in his hand,
But finding me and the right wofull *Queen*,
Sadly bemoaning such a mighty losse:
Here is no place, quoth he, you must be gone,
We haue other matters now to think vpon.
For you, (quoth he to me) and bit his lip,
And strook me with his staff, but said no more;
Whereby I know he meaneth me no good.

Ca. Well mistress *Shore*, it's like to be a busie time,
Shift for your selfe: come lads let vs be gone,
Roiall King *Richard* must we wait vpon.

Sha. Well mistress *Shore*, if you haue need of me,
You shall command me to the vttermost. *Exeunt.*

Ia. First let me dye, ere I doe put my trust,
In any fltering Spaniell of you all.
Goe *Iockie*, take downe all my hangings,
And quickly see my trunks be conuaid forth,
To mistress *Blagues*, an Inne in Lombardstreet,
The *Flower de luce*, good *Iockie* make some speed,
She, she must be my refuge in this need.

The second part of

See it be done quickly *Jackie*.

Exit.

Jackie. Whicly quoth a ? marrie here's a whicke chaing indeed, sicke whick chaing did I nere see before. Now dream I, that Iſc bee a very pure fellow, and hardly ha any filler to drinke with a gude fellow. But what ſtand I tatling here ? I muſt goe do my maiſtres bidding, carry all her ſtuffe and geere to miſtris *Blagues*, at the *Flower de luce* in *Lombardſtreet*, whick then diſpatch.

Exit.

Enter Brakenbury and Flud, to them the two yongue Princes, Edward and Richard, Gloſter, Catesbie, Lonell and Tirill.

Bra. Come hither *Flud*, let me hear thy opinion,
Thou know'ſt I build vpon thy confidence,
And honeſt dealing in my greateſt affaires :
I haue receiued letters from the Duke,
Gloſter I meane, Protector of the land,
Who giues in charge, the Tower be prepar'd
This night, to entertaine the two yongue Princes.
It is my duty to obey I know,
But manifold ſuſpicions trouble me.

Fl. He is their Vncle ſir, and in that ſenſe,
Nature ſhould warrant their ſecurity.
Next, his deceaſed brother at his death,
To *Richards* care, committed both the Realme
And their protection : where humanity
Stands as an Orator, to plead againſt
All wrong ſuggeſſion of vnciuill thoughts.
Beſide, you are Lieutenant of the Tower,
Say that there ſhould be any hurt pretended,
The priuiledge of your authority,
Pries into euery corner of the houſe,
And what can then be done without your knowledge ?

Bra. Thou ſaiſt true *Flud*, though *Richard* be Protector,
When once they are within the Tower limits,
The charge of them (vnleſſe he derogate
From this my office, which was neuer ſeern
In any Kings time) doth belong to me:

And

'King Edward the fourth.

And ere that *Brakenbury* will consent,
Or suffer wrong be done vnto these babes,
His sword and all the strength within the Tower,
Shall be oppos'd against the proudest commer.
Be it to my soule as I intend to them.

Fl. And faith in me vnto this common-wealth,
And truth to men, hath hitherto been seen,
The Pylot that hath guided my liues course,
Though 'taws my fortune to be wrong'd in both :
And therefore sir, neither the mightiest frowne,
Nor any bribes shall winne me otherwise.

Bra. 'Tis well resolu'd, and still me thinks, they should
Be safe enough with vs, and yet I fear :
But now no more, it seemes they are at hand.

Pr. Ed. Vncle, what Gentleman is that ? *Enter.*

Glo. It is (sweet Prince) Lieutenant of the Tower.

Pr. Ed. Sir, we are come to be your guests to night :
I pray you tell me, did you euer know,
Our Father *Edward* lodg'd within this place ?

Bra. Neuer to lodge (my Liege) but oftentimes,
On other occasions I haue seen him here.

Ric. Brother, last night when you did send for me,
My mother told me, hearing we should lodge
Within the Tower, that it was a prison,
And therefore maruel'd that my Vncle *Gloster*,
Of all the houses for a Kings receipt
Within this Citie, had appointed none
Where you might keep your Court but only here.

Glo. Vile brats, how they doe descant on the Tower.
My gentle Nephew, they were not well aduis'd
To tutor you with such vnfitting termes,
(Who ere they were) against this roiall mansion :
What if some part of it hath been reseru'd,
To be a prison for Nobility ?
Followes it therefore that it cannot serue,
To any other vse ? *Cesar* himselfe,
That built the same, within it kept his Court,

The second part of

And many Kings since him : the roomes are large,
The building stately, and for strength beside,
It is the safest and the surest hold you haue.

Pr. Ed. Vncle of *Gloster*, if you think it so,
'Tis not for me to contradict your will,
We must allow it, and are well content.

Glo. On then a Gods name.

Pr. Ed. Yet before we goe,
One question more with you M. Lieutenant :
We like you well, and but we doe perceiue
More comfort in your looks, than in these walls;
For all our Vncle *Glosters* friendly speech,
Our hearts would be as heauy still as lead.
I pray you tell me, at which doore or gate
Was it my Vncle *Clarence* did goe in,
When he was sent a prisoner to this place?

Bra. At this my Liege : why sighs your Maiesty?

P. Ed. He went in here that nere came back againe,
But as God hath decreed so let it be :
Come brother shall we goe?

Ric. Yes brother, any where with you.

Exeunt.

Tirill pulls Catesbie by the sleeve.

Tir. Sir, were it best I did attend the Duke,
Or stay his leisure till his backe returne?

Cat. I pray master *Tirill* stay without,
It is not good you should be seen by day
Within the Tower, especially at this time :
I letell his honour of your being here,
And you shall know his pleasure presently.

Tir. Euen so sir : men would be glad by any meanes,
To raise themselues that haue been ouerthrowne,
By fortunes scorne, and I am one of them.

Enter Duke of Gloster.

Here comes the Duke.

Glo. *Catesbie*, is this the man?

Cat. It is ift like your Excellency.

Glo. Come neer.

Thy

King Edward the fourth.

Thy name is *Tirill*, is it not?

Tir. *James Tirill* is my name my gracious Lord.

Glo. Welcome, it should appear that thou hast bin
In better state than now it seemes thou art.

Tir. I haue bin by my fey ny Lord, though now deprest,
And clouded ouer with aduersity.

Glo. Be rul'd by me, and thou shalt rise againe,
And prooue more happy than thou euer wast,
There is but only two degrees, by which
It shall be needfull for thee to ascend,
And that is, faith and taciturnity.

Tir. If euer I prooue false vnto your Grace,
Conuert your fauour to afflictions.

Glo. But canst thou too be secret?

Tir. Try me my Lord:
This tongue was neuer knowne to be a blad:

Glo. Thy countenance hath like a siluer key,
Open'd the closet of my heart: read there,
If scholler-like thou canst expound those lines,
Thou art a man ordain'd to serue my turne.

Tir. So far as my capacity will reach:
The sence my Lord is this, this night you say,
The two yongue Princes both must suffer death.

Glo. Thou hast my meaning, wilt thou doe it, speak?

Tir. It shall be done.

Glo. Inough, come follow me,
For thy direction, and for gold to see
Such as must aide thee in their Tragedy. *Exeunt.*

Enter mistris Blague and Iockie loden.

Bla. Welcome good *Iockie*, what good newes bring you?

Ioc. Marry maistres, my gude maistres greets yee maistres, and
prayes ye maistres, till dight vp her chamber, for sheel lig wee
ye to night maistres. And here's her catskin till she come.

Enter Iane.

Ia. Why how now loiterer? make ye no more hast?
When will my trunks and all my stufie be brought,
If you thus loiter? goe, make hast withall.

Ioc.

The second part of

Ioc. Mary sall aye, giue yeele be bud petient awhile. *Exit.*

Ia. Now gentle mistris *Blague*, the only friend
That fortune leaues me to rely vpon :
My counsell closet, and my tower of strength,
To whom for safety I retire my selfe,
To be secure in these tempestuous times ;
O smile on me, and giue me gentle lookes :
If I be welcome, then with cheerfull heart
And willing hand, shew me true signes thereof.

Bla. Doubt ye of welcome Lady to your friend ?
Nay, to your seruant, to your beards-woman,
To speak but truth, your bounties bond-woman :
Vse me, command me, call my house your owne,
And all I haue (sweet Lady) at your will.

Ia. Away with titles, lay by courtly tearmes,
The case is alter'd now the King is dead,
And with his life my fauouring friends are fled :
No Madame now, but as I was before,
Your faithfull kind companion, poor *Iane Shore*,

Bla. I lou'd you then, and since, and euer shall :
You are the woman, though your fortunes fall.
You, when my husbands lewd transgression,
Of all our wealth had lost possession,
By forfeiture into his Highnesse hands,
Got restitution for our goods and lands,
He fled and di'd in *France* : to heale that harme,
You helpt me to three mannors in fee farme,
The worth of which cleers threescore pound a yeare ;
Haue I not reason then to hold you dear ?
Yes, hap what will, vntill my life do end,
You are and shall be my best beloued friend.

Ia. How if misfortune my folly doe succeed ?

Bla. Trust me, true friends bide touch in time of need.

Ia. If want consume the wealth I had before.

Bla. My wealth is yours, and you shall spend my store.

Ia. But the Protector prosecutes his hate.

Bla. With me liue secret from the worlds debate.

Ia.

King Edward the fourth.

Ia. You will be weary of so bad a guest.

Bla. Then let me neuer on the earth be blest.

Ia. Ah mistress *Blague*, you tender me such loue,
As all my sorrowes from my soule remoue,
And though my portion be not very large,
Yet come I not to you to be a charge:
Coine, plate, and iewels, priz'd at lowest rate,
I bring with me to maintaine my estate,
Worth twenty thousand pound, and my aray,
If you suruiue to see my dying day,
From you no penny will I giue away.

Bla. And I thank you, that so my wealth increast,
I am worth I trow ten thousand pounds at least.
I think like two warme widowes we may liue,
Vntill good fortune two good husbands giue:
For surely mistress *Shoare*, your husband's dead,
When heard you of him?

Ia. Neuer since he fled.
O mistress *Blague*, now put you in my head
That kils my heart, why should I breath this aire,
Whose lost good name no treasure can repaire?
Oh were he here with me to lead his life,
Although he neuer vs'd me as a wife,
But as a drudge to spurne me with his feet,
Yet should I think with him, that life were sweet.

Bla. How can ye once conceit so base a thing,
That haue been kist and cokerd by a King?
Weep not, you hurt your selfe by Gods blest mother,
Your husbands dead woman, think vpon another.
Let vs in to supper, drink wine, cheare your heart,
And whil't I liue, be sure Ile take your part.

Exeunt.

Enter Brakenbury, Shoare, Dighton, Forrest, Tirill.

Tir. Sir, I assure you 'tis my Lord Protector's warrant.

Bra. My friend, I haue confer'd it with his letters,
And 'tis his hand indeed, Ile not deny,
But blame me not although I be precise,

The second part of

In matters that so neerly do concerne me.

Digh. My Lord Protector, sir I make no doubt,
Dare iustifie his warrant, though perhaps,
He doth not now acquaint you why he doth it.

Bra. I think sir, there's no subiect now in England
Will urge his Grace, to shew what he dare do,
Nor will I aske him why he does it :
I would I might, to rid me of my doubt.

aside.

For. Why sir, I think he needs no president
For what he does, I think his power is absolute inough.

Bra. I haue no power sir, to examine it,
Nor will : I do obey your warrant,
Which I will keep for my security.

Tir. You shall do well in that sir.

Bra. Heres the keies.

Sho. And yet, I could wish my Lord Protector
Had sent his warrant hither by some other :
I do not like their looks, I tell you true.

aside.

Bra. Nor I *Flud*, I assure thee.

For. What doth that slaue mutter to his master ?

Digh. I hear him say, he doth not like our looks.

Tir. Why not our looks, sir ?

For. Sirra, we hear you.

Sho. I am glad you do sir, all is one for that :
But if you did not, hearken better now.
I neuer saw three faces, in whose looks
Did euer sit more terror, or more death ;
God bleise the Princes, if it be his will :
I do not like these villaines.

Digh. Zounds stab the villaine ; sirra, do you braue vs ?

Sho. I, that's your comming : for you come to stab.

For. Stab him.

Sho. Nay then Ile stab with thee.

Tir. Zblud cut his throat.

Bra. Hold Gentlemen, I pray you.

Sho. Sir I am hurt, stabd in the arme.

Bra. This is not to be iustified my friends,

To

King Edward the fourth.

To draw your weapons here within the Tower,
And by the law, it is no lesse then death.
I cannot think the Duke will like of this :
I pray you be content, too much is done.

Tir. He might haue held his peace then, and been quiet.
Farewell, farewell.

Sho. Hell and damnation follow murderers.

Bra. Go *Flud*, get thee some Surgeon to look to thy wound.
Hast no acquaintance with some skilfull Surgeon ?
Keep thy wound close, and let it not take aire,
And for mine owne part, I will not stay here.
Whither wilt thou goe, that I may send to thee ?

Sho. To one mistris *Blagues*, an Inne in Lombard street,
There shall you find me or shall hear of me.

Bra. Sweet Princely babes farewell, I fear you sore,
I doubt these eies shall neuer see you more.

*Enter the two yongue Princes, Edward and Richard, in their
gownes and caps, unbuttond and untruss.*

Ric. How does your Lordship ?

Ed. Well good brother *Richard*, how does your selfe ?
You told me your head aked.

Ric. Indeed it does my Lord, feel with your hand
how hot it is.

He laies his hand on his brothers head.

Ed. Indeed you haue caught cold,
With sitting yesternight to hear me read :
I pray thee goe to bed, sweet Dick, poor little heart.

Ric. Youle giue me leaue to wait vpon your Lordship.

Ed. I had more need brother, to wait on you :
For you are sicke, and so am not I.

Ric. O Lord, methinks this going to our bed,
How like it is to going to our graue.

Ed. I pray thee do not speak of graues sweet heart,
Indeed thou frightest me.

Ric. Why my Lord brother, did not our Tutor teach vs,
That when at night we went vnto our bed,
We still should think we went vnto our graue ?

The second part of

E. Yes that's true, that we should do as every christian ought,
To be prepar'd to dye at every howre : but I am heavy.

Rich. Indeed and so am I.

Ed. Then let vs say our praiers, and go to bed.

*They kneele, and sollemne musicke the while within, the
musicke ceaseth and they rise.*

Rich. What, bleeds your Grace ?

Ed. I, two drops and no more.

Rich. God bleis vs both, and I desire no more.

Ed. Brother, see here what *David* saies, and so say I,
Lord, in thee will I trust although I dye.

As the young Princes goe out, enter Tirib.

Tir. Goe lay you downe, but neuer more to rise :

I haue put my hand into the fowlest murder,

That euer was committed since the world began,

The very senselesse stones here in the walls,

Break out in teares but to behold the fact.

Me thinks the bodies lying dead in graues,

Should rise and cry against vs : O heark, heark,

Shée Mandrakes shrieks are musick to their cries. *a noise within.*

The very night is frighted, and the Stars

Do drop like torches, to behold this deed :

The very centre of the earth doth shake.

Me thinks the Tower should rent downe from the top,

To let the Heauen look on this monstrous deed.

Enter at the one doore Dighton, with Edward under his arme,

at the other doore, Forrest with Richard.

Digh. Stand further damned rogue, and come not neer me.

For. Nay, stand thou further villaine, stand aside.

Digh. Are we not both damned for this cursed deed ?

For. Thou art the witnesse that thou bearest the King.

Digh. And what bearest thou ?

For. It is too true, oh I am damn'd indeed.

He looks downe on the boy under his arme.

Tir. I am as deep as you, although my hand
Did not the deed.

Digh. O villaine, art thou there ?

For.

King Edward the fourth.

For. A plague light on thee.

Tir. Curse not, a thousand plagues will light vpon vs all.

They lay them downe.

The Priest here in the Tower will bury them,
Let vs away.

*Enter M. Blague and her two men, bringing in Shoare alias Flud,
in a chaire, his arme bleeding apace.*

Bla. So, set him heer awhile where is more aire.
How cheer you sir? alack he doth begin
To change his colour, where is mistris *Shoare*?
Gone to her closet for a precious balme,
The same she said, King *Edward* vs'd himselfe,
Alack, I fear heel dye before she come,
Runne quickly for some *Rosa-folis*, faint not sir,
Be of good comfort, come good mistris *Shoare*,
What haue you there?

Ia. Stand by and giue me leaue.

Bla. Vnhappy me to lodge him in my house.

Ia. I warrant you woman, be not affraid:
If not this blood-stone hang'd about his neck,
This balme will stanch it by the help of God.
Lift vp his arme whilst I do bath his wound,
The signe belike was here when he was hurt,
Or else some principall and chiefe veine is pierst.

Bla. How euer, sure the Surgeon was a knaue,
That lookt no better to him at the first.

Ia. Blame him not mistris *Blague*, the best of them,
In such a case as this may be to seek.

Bla. Now God be blessed, see the crimson blood,
That was precipitate, and falling downe
Into his arme, retires into his face.

How fare ye sir? how doe you feel your selfe?

Sho. Oh wherefore haue you wakt me from my sleep,
And broke the quiet slumber I was in?
Me thought I late in such a pleasant place,
So full of all delight as neuer any eye
Beheld, nor heart of man could comprehend:

The second part of

If you had let me goe I felt no paine,
But being now reuok't, my grieve renewer.

Ia. Giue him some Rosa-solis mistris *Blague*,
And that will likewise animate the spirits,
And send alacrity vnto the heart,
That hath bin strugling with the pangs of death.

Bla. Heer sir, drink this, you need not fear it sir,
It is no hurt, see I will be your taster :
Now drink I pray you.

Ia. Now fellowes, raise his body from the chaire,
And gently let him walk a turne or two.

Bla. Good sooth mistris *Shoare*, I did not think till now,
You had been such a cunning skild Physitian.

Sho. Oh mistris *Blague*, though I must needs confesse,
It would haue been more welcome to my soule,
If I had died and been remou'd at last,
From the confused troubles of this world,
Whereof I haue sustained no meane waight,
Than lingring here, be made a pack-horse still
Of torments, in comparison of which
Death is but as the pricking of a thorne :
Yet do I thank you for your taking paines,
And would to God I could requite your loue.

Bla. Sir I did you little good, what was done,
Ascribe the benefit and praise thereof,
Vnto the Gentlewoman, kind mistris *Shoare*,
Who next to God preferu'd your feeble life.

Sho. How ? mistris *Shoare* ? good friends let goe your hold,
My strength is now sufficient of it selfe.
Oh ! is it she that still prolongs my woe ?
Was it ordain'd not only at the first,
She should be my destruction, but now twise
When gracious Destinies had brought about,
To end this weary pilgrimage of mine,
Must she, and none but she preuent that good,
And stop my entrance to eternall blisse ?
Oh lasting plague, oh endlesse corrasieue !

It

King Edward the fourth.

It now repents me double that I scape,
Since life's made death, and lifes author hate.

Ia. Sir take my counsell, and sit downe againe,
It is not good to be so bold of foot
Vpon the sudden, till you haue more strength.

Sbo. Mistris, I thank you, and I care not much
If I be rul'd by you. *sits downe.*

Oh God, that she should pittie me vnknowne,
That knowing me by her was ouerthrowne,
Or ignorantly she should regard this smart,
That heretofore spar'd not to stab my heart.

Enter Brakenbury.

Bra. By your leaue mistris *Blague*, I am somewhat bold.
Is there not a Gentleman within your house,
Call'd *M. Flud*, came hither hurt last night?

Bla. Is his name *Flud*? I knew it not till now:
But here he is, and well recovered,
Thanks to this Gentlewoman mistris *Shoare*.

Bra. Pardon me mistris *Shoare*, I saw you not,
And trust me, I am sorry at the heart,
So good a creature as your selfe hath been,
Should be so vilely dealt with as you are:
I promise you the world laments your case.

Ia. How meane you sir? I vnderstand you not:
Lament my case, for what? for *Edwards* death?
I know that I haue lost a gracious friend,
But that is not to be remedied now.

Bra. No mistris *Shoare*, it is for *Richards* hate,
That too much enuies your prosperity.

Ia. I know heloues me not, and for that cause,
I haue withdrawne me wholly from the Court.

Bra. You haue not seen the Proclamation then?

Ia. The Proclamation? no, what Proclamation?

Bra. Oh mistris *Shoare*, the King in euery street
Of *London*, and in euery borough Towne
Throughout this land, hath publickly proclaim'd,
On paine of death that none shall harbour you.

Or

The second part of

Or giue you food or cloathes to keep you warme,
But hauing first done shamefull penance here,
You shall be then thrust forth the Citie gates,
Into the naked cold forsaken field:
I fable not, I would to God I did,
See, here's the manner of it put in print,
'Tis to be sold in euery Stationers shop.
Besides, a number of them clapt on poasts,
Where people crowding, as they read your fall,
Some murmur, and some sigh, but most of them,
Haue their relenting eyes euen big with teares.

Ia. Gods will be done, I know my sin is great,
And he that is omnipotent and iust,
Cannot but must reward me heauily.

Bra. It grieues me mistris *Shoore*, it was my chance,
To be the first reporter of this newes.

Ia. Let it not grieue ye, I must haue heard of it,
And now as good as at another time,

Bra. I pray ye mistris *Blague*, haue care of *Flud*,
And what his charge is, I will see you paid.

Exit.

Ia. Farewell to all; that still shall be my song,
Let men impose vpon me nere such wrong:
And this extreamity shall seem the lesse,
In that I haue a friend to leane vnto.
Sweet mistris *Blague*, there were vpon the earth,
No comfort left for miserable *Iane*,
But that I do presume vpon your loue:
I know, though tyrant *Richard* had set downe,
A greater penalty than is proclaim'd,
Which cannot well be thought, yet in your house,
I should haue succour and reliefe beside.

Bla. What, and so I should be a traitor, should I?
Is that the care you haue of me and mine?
I thank you truly, no, there's no such matter,
I loue you well, but loue my selfe better.
As long as you were held a true subject,
I made account of you accordingly,

But

King Edward the fourth:

But being otherwise, I do reiect you,
And will not cherish my Kings enemy.
You know the danger of the Proclamation:
I would to God you would depart my house.

Ia. When was it euer seen *Iane Shoare* was false,
Either vnto her country or her King?
And therefore 'tis not well, good mistris *Blague*,
That you vpbraide me with a traitors name.

Bla. I, but you haue been a wicked liuer,
And now you see what 'tis to be vnchaste:
You should haue kept you with your honest husband:
'Twas neuer other like, but that such filthinesse
Would haue a foule and detestable end.

Ia. Time was that you did tell me otherwise,
And studied how to set a glosse on that,
Which now you say is vgly and deform'd.

Bla. I told you then, as then the time did serue,
And more indeed to try your disposition,
Than any way to encourage you to sinne:
But when I saw you were ambitious,
And faintly stood on tearmes of modesty,
I left you to your owne arbitrement:
Can you deny it was not so? how say you?

Ia. We will not, mistris *Blague*, dispute of that:
But now in charity and womanhood
Let me find fauour, if it be but this,
That in some barne or stable I may throwd,
Till otherwise I be provided for.

Bla. I pray you do not vrge me mistris *Shoare*:
I will not haue my house indanger'd so.

Ia. Oh you did promise I should neuer want,
And that your house was mine, and swore the same:
To keep your oath, be then compassionate.

Bla. So you did swear you would be true to *Shoare*,
But you are not so good as your word.
My oath's discharg'd now by the Kings command.

Ia. Yet let me haue those iewels and that mony
Which is within my trunks.

The second part of

Bla. I know of none,
If there be any, Ile be so bold,
As keep it for your diet and your mans.
It is no little charge I haue been at,
To feed your dainty tooth since you came hither,
Besides houseroom, I am sure is somewhat worth.

Sbo. Ah *Iane*, I cannot chuse but pittie thee,
Here's the first step to thy deep misery.

Ia. Oh that my graue had then been made my house,
When either first I went vnto the Court,
Or from the Court return'd vnto this place.

Enter two Apparators.

Ser. How now, what are you? it had been maners
You should haue knockt before you had come in.

1. Ap. We are the Bishops Parators my friend,
And mistris *Shoare*, our errand is to you.
This day it is commanded by the King,
You must be stript out of your rich attire,
And in a white sheet goe from Temple-barre,
Vntill you come to Algate, barefooted,
Your haire about your eares, and in your hand
A burning taper, therefore goe with vs.

Ia. Euen when and whither you will, and would to God,
The King as soon would rid my soule of sin,
As he may strip my body of these rags.

2. Ap. That would he soone enough: but come away.
And mistris *Blague*, youl hardly answer it,
When it is knowne we found her in your house.

1. Ap. It scowes you do not fear to harbour her.

Bla. I harbour her? out on her strumpet queane,
She prest vpon me where I would or no:
Ile see her hang'd ere I will harbour her.
So, now her iewels and her gold is mine,
And I am made at least foure thousand pound,
Wealthier by this match than I was before:
And what can be objected for the same?
That once I lou'd her: well, perhaps I did,
But now I am of another humor:

And

King Edward the fourth.

And women all are gouern'd by the Moone
Which is you know, a planet that will change.

Cat. Now M. Sheriffe of *London* do your office:
Attach this rebell to his Maiefty,
And hauing stript her to her petticoat,
Turne her out a doores, with this condition,
That no man harbour her that durst presume
To harbour that lewd curtezan, *Shoares* wife,
Against the strait commandement of the King.

Bla. I beseech you sir.

Cat. Away with her I say.
The while he seaze vpon her house and goods,
Which wholly are confiscate to the King. *Exit.*

Sho. Oh what haue I beheld! were I as yongue,
As when I came to *London* to be prentice,
This pageant were sufficient to instruct,
And teach me euer after to be wise.
First, haue I seen desert of wantonnesse
And breach of wedlocke; then of flattery,
Next of dissembling loue, and last of all,
The ruine of base catching avarice.
But poor *Iane Shoare*, in that I lou'd thee once
And was thy husband, I must pittie thee:
The sparkes of old affection long ago,
Rak't vp in ashes of displeasure, kindle,
And in this furnace of aduersity,
The world shall see a husbands loialty. *Exit.*

Enter D. Shaw pensiuely reading on his booke, after him follows the
ghost of *Frier Anselme*, with a lighted torch,

Sho. *Spuria vitulamina non agent radices altas*,
Bastardly slips haue alwaies slender growth.
Ah *Shaw*, this was the cursed theame,
That at *Pauls* crosse thou madest thy sermon of,
To proue the lawfull issue of thy King,
Got out of wedlocke, illegitimate.
Ah Duke of *Gloster*, this didst thou procure:
Did *Richard* (villaine) no, it was thy fault,
Thou wouldst be wonne to such a damned deed,

Which

The second part of

Which now to think on makes my soule to bleed.

Ah Frier *Anselme*, sleep among the blest,

Thy prophesie thus falsely did I wrest. *Enter Anselme.*

An. Thou didst, and be thou damn'd therefore,

Nere come thy soule where blessednesse abides.

Didst thou not know the letter *G*, was *Gloster*?

Sba. *Anselme* I did.

An. Why then didst thou affirme,

That it was meant by *George* the Duke of *Clarence*?

That honourable harmlesse Gentleman,

Whose thought's all innocent as any child,

Yet came through thee to such a lucklesse death.

Sba. I was enforced by the Duke of *Gloster*.

An. Enforc't, saist thou? wouldst thou then be enforc't,

Being a man of thy profession,

To sin so vilely, and with thine owne mouth

To damne thy soule? no, thou wast not enforc't,

But gaine and hope of high promotion

Hyrd thee thereto, say, was it not so? *Sba.* It did, it did.

An. Why then record in thy black hellish thoughts,

How many mischiefes haue ensued thereon:

First, wronged *Clarence* drowned in the Tower,

Next, *Edwards* children murdered in the Tower:

This day at *Pomfret* noble Gentlemen

Three, the Queens kindred, lose their harmlesse heads.

Think'st thou, that heer this fload of mischiefe staies?

No villaine, many are markt to the blipck,

And they the neerest, think them furthest off:

Euen *Buckingham*, creator of that King,

Shall he to woe and wretched ending bring.

All this (accursed man) hath come by thee,

And thy false wrestling of my prophesie,

For *Englands* good disclosed to thy trust,

And so it had been, hadst thou proued iust:

But thou, and euery one that had a hand,

In that most wofull murder of the Princes,

To fatall ends you are appointed all.

Heer in thy study shalt thou starue thy false,

And

King Edward the fourth.

And from this house not tast one bit of food :
The rest shall after follow on a row,
To all their deaths, vengeance will not be slow.

Enter a messenger to Shaw.

Mef. Where is M. Doctor *Shaw*?

Sha. Here friend, what is thy will with me?

Mef. King *Richard* praies ye to come to him straight,
For he would be confest.

Sha. I cannot come: I pray thee take that Frier,
For he can do it better far than I.

Mef. A Frier M. Doctor? I see none.

Sha. Doeſt thou not? no, thy vntainted soule
Cannot diſcerne the horrors that I doe.

An. Shaw goe with him, and tell that tyrant *Richard*,
He hath but three yeares limited for life,
And then a shamefull death takes hold on him:
That done, returne, and in thy study end
Thy loathed life, that didſt vs all offend.

Shaw. With all my heart, would it were ended now,
So it were done, I care not where nor how. *Exeunt.*

Enter the two Parrators, with miſtris Shoare in a white ſheet, bare-footed with her haire about her eares, and in her hand a waxe taper.

1. Par. Now M. *Shoare*, here our commiſſion ends,
Put off yout roabe of ſhame: for this is Algate,
Whither it was appointed we ſhould bring you.

1a. My roabe of ſhame? Oh that ſo foule a name
Should be applied vnto ſo faire a garment,
Which is no more to be condemn'd of ſhame,
Than ſnow of putrefaction is deſeru'd,
To couer an infectious heap of dung!

My roabe of ſhame, but not my ſhame put off;
For that ſits branded on my forehead ſtill,
And therefore in deriſion was I wrapt
In this white ſheet; and in deriſion bore
This burning taper to expreſſe my folly:
That hauing light of reaſon to direct me,
Delighted yet in by-paths of darke error.

2. Par. Well M. *Shoare*, I hope you grudge not vs,

The second part of

We shew'd you all the fauour poore men could,

Ia. Oh God forbid: I know the Kings edict
Set you a work, and not your owne desires.

1. Par. I truly mistris, and for our parts,
We could be well content 'twere otherwise,
But that the law's seuer, and so weleauē you.

Exit.

Ia. Farewell vnto you both: and *London* too
Farewell to thee, where first I was intic'd,
That scandaliz'd thy dignity with shame;
But now thou hast return'd me trebble blame:
My tongue that gaue consent, inioin'd to beg,
Mine eies adiudg'd to hourelly laments,
Mine armes for their embracings catch the aire,
And those quick nimble feet, that were so ready
To step into a Kings forbidden bed,
London, thy flints haue punisht for their pride,
And thou hast drunk their blood for thy reuenge.
What now auails to think what I haue been?
Then welcome nakednesse and pouerty,
Welcome contempt, welcome ye barren fields,
Welcome the lack of meat, and lack of friends;
And wretched *Iane*, according to thy state,
Sit here, sit here, and lower if might be.
All things that breath, in their extreamity
Haue some recourse of succour, thou hast none.
The child offended, flies vnto the mother,
The souldier struck, retires vnto his Captaine,
The fish distressed, slides into the riuer,
Birds of the aire do flie vnto their dams,
And vnderneath their wings are quickly shrouded;
Nay beat the spaniell, and his master mones him:
But I haue neither where to shrowd my selfe,
Nor any one to make my mone vnto.
Come patience then, and though my body pine,
Make thou a banquet to refresh my soule:
Let hearts deep throbbing sighes be all my bread,
My drink salt teares, my guests repentant thoughts,
That who so knew me, and do see me now,

May

King Edward the fourth.

May shun by me the breach of wedlocks vow.

*Enter Brakenbury with a praier-booke, and some reliefe
in a cloath for mistress Shoare.*

Bra. Oh God, how full of dangers grow these times,
And no assurance seen in any state?
No man can say, that he is master now
Of any thing is his, such is the tide
Of short disturbance running through the land.
I haue giuen ouer my office in the Tower,
Because I cannot brook their vile complots,
Nor smother such outrageous villanies:
But mistress *Shoare* to be so basely wrong'd,
And vilely vs'd, that hath so well deseru'd,
It doth afflict me in the very soule.
She sau'd my kinsman, *Harry Stranguide* life,
Therefore in duty I am bound to her,
To do what good I may though law forbid:
See where she sits, God comfort thee good soule,
First, take that to relieue thy body with,
And next, receiue this book wherein is food.
Manna of Heauen to refresh thy soule.
These holy meditations mistress *Shoare*,
Will yeeld much comfort in this misery,
Whereon contemplate still, and neuer linne,
That God may be vnmindfull of thy sinne.

Ia. M. Lieutenant, in my heart I thank ye,
For this kind comfort to a wretched soule:
Welcome sweet praier-book, food of my life,
The soueraigne balme of my sick conscience,
Thou shalt be my soules pleasure and delight,
To wipe my sinnes out of *Iehonaes* sight.

Bra. Do so good mistress *Shoare*, now I must leaue ye.
Because some other businesse calls me hence,
And God I pray regard your penitence. *Exit.*

Ia. Farewell sir *Robert*, and for this good to me,
The God of heauen be mindfull still of thee.

*As she sits weeping and praying, enters at one doore yongue
M. Aire, and old Rufford at another.*

The second part of

Aire. This way she went, and cannot be far off:
For but euen now I met the officers,
That were attendant on her in her penance.
Yonder she sits, now then *Aire* shew thy selfe
Thankfull to her, that sometime sau'd thy life,
When law had made thee subiect to base death;
Giue her thy purse, for here comes some Lady:
Stand by awhile, for fear thou be discouered.

Ruf. What mistris *Shoore*, King *Edwards* concubine,
Set on a mole-hill? oh disparagement!
A throne were fitter for your Ladiship:
Fie, will you slubber these faire cheeks with teares,
Or sit so solitary? where's all your seruants?
Where is your gowne of silke, your periwig,
Your fine rebatoes, and your costly iewels?
What, not so much as a shooe vpon your foot?
Nay, then I see the world goes hard with whores.

Aire. The villaine slaue gybes at her misery.

Ruf. Now, whether is it better to be in Court,
And there to beg a licence of the King
For transportation of commodities,
Than here to sit forsaken as thou dost?
I think vpon condition *Edward* liu'd,
And thou were still in fauour as before,
Thou wouldst not say that *Rufford* had deseru'd,
To haue his eares rent for a worse sure,
Than licence to ship ouer corne and lead.
What, not a word? faith wench, Ile tell thee what,
If thou dost think thy old trade out of date,
Go learne to play the bawde another while.

Aire. Inhumane wretch, why dost thou scorne her so,
And vex her greined soule with bitter taunts?

Ruf. Because I will, she is a curtisan,
And one abhorred of the world for lust.

Aire. If all thy faults were in thy forehead writ,
Perhaps thou wouldst thy selfe appear no lesse,
But much more horrible than she doth now.

Ruf. You are no iudge of mine sir.

Aire.

King Edward the fourth.

Aire. Why northou of her.

Ruf. The world hath iudg'd, and found her guilty,
And 'tis the Kings command she be held odious.

Aire. The King of heauen commandeth other wise,
And if thou be not willing to relieue her,
Let it suffice, thou see'st her miserable,
And study not to amplifie her grieve.

*Enter M. Blague very poorly a begging, with her
basket and clap-dish.*

What other wofull spectacle comes here?

Mistris take that, and spend it for my sake.

When Rufford looks away, Aire throwes his purse to mistris Shoare.

Bla. Oh I am pinch't with more than common want,
Where shall I find reliefe? Good Gentleman,
Pitty a wretched woman like to starue,
And I will pray for ye. One halfe penny
For Christs sake, to comfort me withall.

Ruf. What mistris *Blague*, is't you? no maruaile sure
But you should be relieu'd, a halfe penny quotha?
I marry sir, and so be hang'd my selfe.
Not I, this Gentleman may if he please:
Get you to your companion mistris *Shoare*,
And then there is a paire of queans well met.
Now I bethink me, he goe to the King,
And tell him, that some will relieue *Shoares* wife,
Except some officer there be appointed,
That carefully regards it be not so: ●
There, of my selfe will I make offer to him,
Which questionlesse he cannot but accept,
So shall I still pursue *Shoares* wife with hate,
That scorned me in her high whores estate. *Exit.*

Bla. Good Gentleman bestow your charity,
One single halfe penny to helpe my need.

Aire. Not one, were I the master of a mint,
What? succour thee that did betray thy friend?
See where she sits, whom thou didst scorne indeed,
And therefore rightly art thou scorn'd againe:
Thou thoughtst to be enriched by her goods,

The second part of

But thou hast now lost both thine owne and hers,
And for my part, knew I 'twould saue thy life,
Thou shouldst not get so much as a crum of bread:
Pack counterfeit, pack away dissembling drab,

Bla. Oh misery, but shall I stay to look
Her in the face, whom I so much haue wrong'd?

Ia. Yes mistress *Blague*, I freely pardon you,
You haue done me no wrong: come sit by me,
'Twas so in wealth, why not in pouerty?

Bla. Oh willingly, if you can brook her presence,
Whom you haue greater reason to despise.

Ia. Why woman, *Richard* that hath banisht me,
And seeks my ruine (causelesse though it be)
Do I in heart pray for, and will do still.
Come thou and share with me, what God hath sent,
A stranger gaue it me, and part thereof
I do as freely now bestow on you.

Bla. I thank you mistress *Shoare*, this curtesie
Renewes the griefe of my inconstancy,

Enter M. Shoare with reliefe for his wife.

Sho. Yonder she sits, how like a withered tree,
That is in winter leauelesse and bereft
Of liuely sap, sits she poor abiect soule?
How much vnlike the woman is she now
She was but yesterday? so short and brittle
Is this worlds happineisse: but who is that?
False mistress *Blague*? how canst thou brook her *Iane*?
I, thou wast alwaies milde and pittifull,
Oh hadst thou been as chaff, we had been blest.
But now no more of that, she shall not starue,
So long as this, and such as this may serue:
Here mistress *Shoare*, feed on these homely cates,
And there is wine to drink them downe withall.

Ia. Good sir your name that pitties poor *Iane Shoars*,
That in my praiers may remember you.

Sho. No matter for my name, I am a friend
That loues you well, so farewell mistress *Shoare*.
When that is spent, I vow to bring you more.

King Edward the fourth.

Ia. Gods blessing be your guide where ere you goe.
Thus mistress *Blague*, you see amidst our woe,
For all the world can doe, God sends reliefe,
And will not that we perish in our griefe :
Come, let vs step into some secret place.

Bla. 'Tis not amisse, if you be so content,
(For heer the field's too open and frequent)
Where vndisturb'd we may partake this grace. *Exeunt.*

Master Shoare enters againe.

Sho. What, is she gone so soone? alack poor *Iane*,
How I compassionate rhy wofull case?
Whereas we liu'd together man and wife,
Oft on her humble stoole by the fire side
Sat she contented, whenas my high heate
Would chide her for it. But what would she say?
Husband, we both must lower sit one day,
When I dare swear she neuer dream'd of this:
But see good God, what prophelying is.

Enter Rufford and Fog, with the counterfeite letters Patents,
Shoare stands aside.

Ruf. This is King *Richards* hand, I know it well,
And this of thine is iustly counterfeite,
As he himselfe would swear it were his owne.

Sho. The Kings hand counterfeite? list more of that.

Ruf. Why euery letter, every little dash
In all respects alike, now may I vie
My transportation of my corne and hides,
Without the danger of forbidding law :
And so I would haue done in *Edwards* daies,
But that good mistress *Shoare* did please to crosse me,
But mark how now I will requite her for it.
I mou'd my sute, and plainly told the King,
Some would relieue her, if no man had charge,
To see seuerely to the contrary,
Forthwith his Grace appointed me the man,
And gaue me officers to wait vpon me,
Which will so countenance thy cunning work,
As I shall no way be suspected in it: how faist thou *Fog*?

The second part of

Fog. It will do well indeed :

But good sir haue a care in any case,
For else you know what harme may come thereon.

Ruf. A care saiest thou ? why man, I will not trust
My house, my strongest locks, nor any place,
But mine owne bosome, there will I keep it still,
If I miscarry, so doth it with me.

Sho. Are ye so cunning sir, I say no more,
Iane Shoare or I may quittance you for this. *Exit.*

Ruf. Well *Fog*, I haue contented thee,
Thou maist be gone, I must about my charge,
To see that none relecue *Shoares* wife with ought. *Exit Fog.*

Enter the officers with bills.

Come on goodd fellowes, you that must attend
King *Richards* seruice vnder my command.
Your charge is to be very vigilant
Ouer that strumpet, whom they call *Shoares* wife :

If any traitour giue her but a mite,
A draught of water or a crust of bread,
Or any other food what ere it be,
Lay hold on him, for it is present death
By good King *Richards* Proclamation.

This is her haunt, here stand I Sentinell,
Keep you vnseen, and aide me when I call.

*Enter Iockie & Ieffrey with a bottle of ale, cheese, & halfe penny loanes
to play at bowles, mistris Shoare enters and sits where she was wont.*

Ioc. Now must I vnder colour of playing at bowles help till
releue my gude maistres, maistres *Shoare*. Come *Ieffrey*, we will
play fise vp for this bottle of ale, and yonder gude pure wo-
man shall keep the stakes, and this cheese shall be the maister.

*They play still towards her, and Iockie often breakes bread and cheese
and gines her, till Ieffrey being sold away, and then he
gines her all, and is apprehended.*

Ruf. Here is a villaine that will not relieue her,
But yet heel loose; he bowles that way to helpe her.
Apprehend him fellowes when I bid ye:
Although his mate be gone, he shall pay for it.
Take him, and let the Beadles whip him well.

Ioc.

King Edward the fourth.

Jac. Hear ye sir, shall they be whipt and hang'd that giue to the pure, then they shall be damn'd that take fro the pure.

They lead him away.

Enter young Aire againe, and Shoare stands aloofe off.

Aire. Oh yonder sits the sweet forsaken soule,
To whom for euer I stand deeply bound :
She sau'd my life, then *Aire* helpe to saue hers.

Ruf. Whither goe you sir ?
You come to giue this strumpet some reliefe.

Aire. She did more good than euer thou canst do,
And if thou wilt not pittie her thy selfe,
Giue others leaue by duty bound thereto.
Here mistris *Shoare*, take this, and would to God
It were so much as my poor heart could wish. *giues his purse.*

Sho. Who is it that thus pitties my poor wife ?
'Tis M. *Aire*, Gods blessing on him for it.

Ruf. Darst thou do so *Aire* ?

Aire. *Rufford*, I dare do more :
Here is my ring, it weighs an ounce of gold,
And take my cloake to keep ye from the cold.

Ruf. Thou art a traitor *Aire*.

Aire. *Rufford*, thou art a villaine so to call me.

Ruf. Lay hold on him, attach him officers.

Aire. *Rufford*, Ile answer thinearrest with this.

He drawes his rapier, but he is apprehended.

Ruf. All this contending sir will not auaille ;
This treason will be rated at thy life.

Aire. Life is too little for her sake that sau'd it.

Sho. Is he a traitor sir for doing good ?
God saue the King, a true heart meanes no ill.
I trust he hath reclaim'd his sharp edict,
And will not that his poorest subiect perish,
And so perswaded, I my selfe will do
That which both loue and nature binds me to.
I cannot giue her as she well deserues,
For she hath lost a greater benefite.

Poor woman take that purse. *Ruf.* Ile tak't away.

Sho. You shall not sir : for I will answer it.

The second part of

Before the King, if you enforce it so.

Ruf. It must be so, you shall vnto the King.

Sho. You will be he will first repent the thing :

Come M. *Aire*, he bear you company,
Which wise men say doth ease calamity. *Exeunt.*

Is. If griefe to speech free passage could afford,
Or for each woe I had a fitting word,
I might complaine; or if my fouds of teares
Could moue remorse of minds, or pierce dull eares,
Or wash away my cares, or cleanse my crime,
With words and teares I would bewaile the time :
But it is bootlesse, why liue I to see,
All these despised that do pittie me?
Despis'd ? alas, destroi'd and lead to death,
That gaue me almes, hereto prolong my breath.
Faire Dames behold, let my example proue,
There is no loue like to a husbands loue. *Exit.*

*Enter King Richard, Louell, Catesbie, Rufford, Shoare and Aire
pinioned, and led betwixt two officers.*

Glo. Now tell vs *Rufford*, which of these it is,
That in the heat of his vpheaued spleen,
Contemnes our Crowne, disdaines our dignity,
And armes himselfe against authority.

Ruf. Both haue offended, my dread Soueraigne,
Though not alike, yet both faults capitall.
These lines declare what, when, and where it was.

Glo. Which is that *Aire*?

Ruf. This yongue man my Liege.

Glo. I thought it was some hot distempered blood,
That fierd his giddy braine with businesse:
Is thy name *Aire*? *Aire.* It is.

Glo. This paper saies so.

Aire. Perish may he that made that paper speak.

Glo. Ha? dost thou with confusion vnto vs ?
This paper is the Organe of our power,
And shall pronounce thy condemnation :
We make it speak thy treason to thy face,
And thy malicious tongue speakes treason still.

Relieu'd

King Edward the fourth.

Relieu'dst thou *Shoares* wife in contempt of vs?

Aire. No, but her iust desert:

She sau'd my life which I had forfeited,
Whereby my goods and life she merited.

Glo. And thou shalt pay it in the selfe same place,
Where thou this man our officer, didst outface,
And scorn'dst vs, saying, if we stood by,
Thou wouldst relieue her.

Aire. I do it not deny.

For want of food her breath was neer expir'd,
I gaue her meanes to buy it vnderfir'd,
And rather chuse to dye for charity,
Than liue condemned of ingratitude.

Glo. Your good deuotion brings you to the gallows.
He hath his sentence, *Rufford* see him hang'd.

They lead out Aire.

Now sir your name.

Sho. Is it not written there?

Glo. Here's *Matthew Flud.* *Raf.* That is his name my Lord,

Glo. Is thy name *Flud*? *Sho.* So *M. Rufford* saies.

Glo. *Flud* and *Aire*, the Elements conspire,

In aire and water to confound our power:

Didst thou relieue that hatefull wretch *Shoares* wife?

Sho. I did relieue that wofull wretch *Shoares* wife.

Glo. thou seemst a man well staid and temperate,

Durst thou infringe our Proclamation?

Sho. I did not break it.

Ruf. Yes, and added more,

That you would answer it before the King.

Sho. And added more, you would repent the thing.

Ruf. Who I? his Highnesse knowes my innocence,

And ready seruice with my goods and life:

Answer thy treason to his Maiesty.

Glo. What canst thou say *Flud*, why thou shouldst not dye?

Sho. Nothing: for I am mortall, and must dye

When my time comes, but that I thinks not yet,

Although (God knowes) each houre I wish it were,

So full of dolor is my weary life.

Now say I this, that I do know the man,

Which

The second patr of

Which doth abette that traiterous libeller.

Who did compose and spread that slanderous rime,

Which scandals you, and doth abuse the time.

Glo. What libeller? another *Collingborne*?

That wrot, *The Cat, the Rat, and Lowell our dog,*

Does rule all England under a hog. Canst thou repeat it *Flud*?

Sho. I think I can, if you command me so.

Glo. We do command thee.

Sho. In this sort it goes.

The crooke backe Boare the way hath found,

To root our roses from our ground.

Both flower and bud will be confound,

Till King of beasts the swine be crown'd:

And then the Dog, the Cat, and Rat,

Shall in his trough feed and be fat.

Finis quoth *M. Fog*, chiefe secretary & counsellor to *M. Rufford*.

Glo. How saist thou *Flud*, doth *Rufford* foster this?

Sho. He is a traitor if he do my Lord.

Ruf. I foster it? dread Lord I aske no grace,

If I be guilty of this libelling.

Vouchsafe me iustice as you are my Prince,

Against this traitor that accuseth me.

Sho. What iustice crav'st thou? I will combat thee,

In signe whereof I do vnbutton me,

And in my shirt my challenge will maintaine:

Thou call'st me traitor, I will proue thee one,

Open thy bosome like me if thou darst,

Ruf. I will not be so rude before his Grace.

Sho. Thou wilt not open the pack of thy disgrace,
Because thy doublets stufte with traiterous libells.

Glo. *Catesbie*, tear off the buttons from his brest.

What find'st thou there?

Cat. Your Highnesse hand and seale,

For transportation of hides, corne, and lead.

Glo. Traitor, did I signe that commission?

Ruf. O pardon me most roiall King.

Glo. Pardon? to counterfeit my hand and seale?

Haue I bestowed such loue, such countenance,

Such trust on thee and such authority,

King Edward the fourth.

To haue my hand and signet counterfeit?
To carry corne the food of all the land,
And lead, which after might annoy the land,
And hides, whose leather must relieue the land,
To strangers, enemies vnto the land:
Didst thou so neerly counterfeit my hand?

Ruf. Not I my Liege, but *Fog* the Attorney.

Glo. Away with him, *Louell* and *Catesbie*, go,
Command the Sheriffes of *London* presently,
To see him drawne, and hang'd, and quartered,
Let them not drink before they see him dead.

Haste you againe. *Louell and Catesbie lead out Ruford,*

Ruf. Well *Flud*, thou art my death,
I might haue liu'd t' haue seen thee lose thy head.

Sho. Thou hast but iustice for thy cruelty,
Against the guiltlesse soules in misery:
I aske no fauour if I merit death.

Glo. Crau'st thou no fauour? then I tell thee *Flud*,
Thou art a traitor, breaking our edict,
By succouring that traitrous quean *Shoare's* wife,
And thou shalt dye. *Sho.* If I haue broke the law.

Glo. If, traitor? didst thou not giue her thy purse?
And dost thou not maintaine the deed?

Enter Louell and Catesbie againe.

Sho. I do, if it be death to the relenting heart
Of a kind husband, wronged by a King,
To pittie his poor weak seduced wife,
Whom all the world must suffer by command,
To pine and perish for the want of food:
If it be treason for her husband then,
In the dear bowels of his former loue,
To bury his owne wrong and her misdeed,
And giue her meat whom he was wont to feed;
Then *Shoare* must dye: for *Flud* is not my name,
Though once I took it to conceale my shame.
Pitty permits not iniured *Shoare* passe by,
And see his once lou'd wife with famine dye.

Glo. *Louell* and *Catesbie*, this is *Shoare* indeed.
Shoare, we confesse that thou hast priuiledge,

The second part of

And art excepted in our Proclamation,
Because thou art her husband, whom it concernes;
And thou maist lawfully relieue thy wife,
Vpon condition, thou forgiue her fault,
Take her againe, and vse her as before.

Hazzard new hornes, how saist thou? wilt thou *Shoare*?

Sho. If any but your Grace should so vpbraid,
Such rude reproach should roughly be repai'd.

Suppose for treason that shelay condemn'd,
Might I not feed her till her houre of death,

And yet my selfe no traitor for it? *Glo.* Thou mightest.

Sho. And why not now (O pardon me dread Lord)
When she hath had both punishment and shame.

Sufficient, since a King did cause her blame,

May I not giue her food to saue her life,

Yet neuer take and vse her as my wife?

Glo. Except thou take her home againe to thee,
Thou art a stranger, and it shall not be:
For if thou doe, expect what doth belong.

Sho. I neuer can forget so great a wrong,

Glo. Then neuer feed her whom thou canst not loue.

Sho. My charity doth that compassion moue.

Glo. Moue vs no more: *Lowell*, let *Aire* be hang'd,
Iust in the place where he relieu'd *Shoares* wife.

Shoare hath his pardon for this first offence,

The name of husband pleads his innocence,

Away with them: *Catesbie* come you with vs. *Exeunt.*

Jackie is led to whipping ouer the stage, speaking some words, but of
no importance. Then is yongue *Aire* brought forth to execution,
with the Shersse and Officers, mistress *Shoare* weeping,
and master *Shoare* standing by.

Aire. Good mistress *Shoare*, grieue mee not with your teares,
But let me goe in quiet to my end.

Ia. Alas poor soule,
Was neuer innocent thus put to death.

Aire. The more's my ioy, that I am innocent,
My death is the lesse grieuous, I am so.

Ia. Ah M. *Aire*, the time hath been ere now,
When I haue kneel'd to *Edward* on my knees,
And beg'd for him that now doth make me beg. I haue

King Edward the fourth.

I haue giuen him, when he hath bed'g of me,
Though he forbid to giue me when I beg,
I haue ere now relieued him and his,
Though he and his deny reliefe to me?
Had I been enuious then, as *Richard* now,
I had not staru'd, nor *Edwards* sons been mured,
Nor *Richard* liu'd to put you now to death.

Aire. The more *Iane* is thy vertue and his sin.

Sher. Come sir, dispatch.

Aire. Dispatch, say you? dispatch you may it call,
He cannot stay when death dispatcheth all.

Ia. Lord, is my sin so horrible and grievous,
That I should now become a murderer?
I haue sau'd the life of many a man condemn'd,
But neuer was the death of man before:
That any man thus for my sake should dye,
Afflicts me more than all my misery.

Aire. *Iane* be content,

I am as much indebttd vnto thee
As vnto nature: I owed thee a life,
When it was forfeit vnto death by law,
Thou bedg'it it of the King and gau'it me.
This house of flesh, wherein this soule doth dwell
Is thine, and thou art Lanlady of it,
And this poor life a Tenant but at pleasure,
It neuer came to pay thee rent till now,
But hath run in arerage all this while,
And now for very shame comes to discharge it,
When death distraines for what is but thy due.
I had not ought thee so much as I do,
But by thy only mercy to preserue it,
Vntill I loose it for my charity;
Thou giu'it me more than euer I can pay,
Then doe thy pleasure executioner:
And now farewell, kind vertuous mistris *Shoare*,
In Heauen weel meet againe, in earth no more. *He is executed.*

Ia. Farewell, farewell, thou for thy almes dost dye,
And I must end here staru'd in misery:
In life my friend, in death Ile not forsake thee,

The second part of

Thou goest to Heauen, I hope to ouertake thee.

Sho. O world, what art thou? man euen from his birth,
Finds nothing else but misery on earth:

Thou neuer (world) scornd'st me so much before,

But I (vaine world) do hate thee ten times more.

I am glad I see approaching death so nigh,

World, thou hat'st me, I thee (vaine world) despise.

I pray ye yet good master officers,

Do but this kindeesse to two poor wretched soules,

As let vs haue the buriall of our friend,

It is but so much labour sau'd for you.

Sher. There take his body, bury it where you will,

So it be quickly done out of the way. *Exeunt Sheriffe & officers.*

Ia. What's he that begs the buriall of my friend,

And hath so oftentimes relieued me?

Ah gentle sir, to comfort my sad woe,

Let me that good kind man of mercy know.

Sho. Ah *Iane*, now there is none but thou and I,

Look on me well, knowest thou thy *Mat. Shoare*?

Ia. My husband? then break heart and liue no more:

She swoons, and he supports her in his armes.

Sho. Ah my dear *Iane*, comfort thy heauy soule,

Go not away so soone, a little stay,

A little, little while, that thou and I,

Like man and wife may here together dye.

Ia. How can I look vpon my husbands face,

That sham'd my selfe, and wrought his deep disgrace?

Sho. *Iane* be content, our woes are now alike,

With one selfe rod thou seest God doth vs strike,

If for thy sin, Ile pray to Heauen for thee,

And if for mine, do thou as much for me.

Ia. Ah *Shoare*, is't possible thou canst forgiue me?

Sho. Yes *Iane*, I do.

Ia. I cannot hope thou wilt:

My fault's so great that I cannot expect it.

Sho. Ifaith I do, as freely from my soule,

As at Gods hands I hope to be forgiuen.

Ia. Then God reward thee, for we now must part,

I feel cold death doth seize vpon my heart.

Sho.

King Edward the fourth.

Sho. And he is come to me, lo, here he lies,
I feel him ready to close vp my eies :
Lend me thy hand to bury this our friend,
And then we both will hasten to our end.
*Here they put the body of yongue Aire into a coffin, and then he fits
downe on the one side of it, and she on the other.*

Sho. Sit thou there, here I my place will haue,
Giue me thy hand, thus we embrace our graue;
Ah *Iane*, he that the depth of woe will see,
Let him but now behold our misery :
But be content, this is the best of all,
Lower than now we are, we cannot fall.

Ia. Ah, I am faint, how happy *Aire* art thou,
Not feeling that which doth afflict vs now.

Sho. Oh happy graue, to vs this comfort giuing,
Here lies two liuing dead, here one dead liuing,
Here for his sake, lo, this we doe for thee,
Thou look'st for one, and art posselt of three.

Ia. Oh dying marriage, oh sweet married death,
(Thou graue) which only shouldst part faithfull friends,
Bringst vs together, and dost ioine our hands !
Oh liuing death, euen in this dying life,
Yet ere I goe, once *Matthew* kisse thy wife.

He kisseth her and she dies.

Sho. Ah my sweet *Iane*, farewell, farewell poor soule,
Now tyrant *Richard*, do the worst thou canst
She doth defie thee: oh vnconstant world,
Here lies a true anatomy of thee,
A King had all my ioy, that her inioi'd,
And by a King againe she was destroi'd :
All ages of my Kingly woes shall tell,
Once more (inconstant world) farewell, farewell. *he dies.*

Enter sir Robert Brakenbury, with two or three of his seruants,

Br. Sirs, if the King, or else the Duke of Buckingham
Do send for me, I will attend them straight :
But what are these here openly lye dead ?
Oh Cock, the one is mistris *Shoare*, and this is *Flnd*
That was my man, the third is *M. Aire*,
Who suffered death for his relieuing her;

The second part of

They shall not thus lye open in the way :
Lend me your hands, and heauy hearts withall,
At mine owne charge Ile giue them buriall.

They beare them thence.

*Enter K. Richard crowned, Buckingham, Anne of Warwick, Lonell,
Catesbie, Fog and attendants.*

Ric. Most noble Lords, since it hath pleased you,
Beyond our expectation on your bounties,
T'empale my temples with the Diademe,
How far my quiet thoughts haue euer been,
From this so great Maiestike soueraignty,
Heauen best can witnesse : now I am your King,
Long may I be so to deserue your loue,
But I will be a seruant to you all,
Pray God my broken sleepes may giue you rest.
But only that my blood doth challenge it,
Being your lawfull Prince by true succession,
I could haue wisht, with all my heart I could,
This maiesty had sitten on the brow
Of any other : so much do I affect a priuate life,
To spend my daies in contemplation.
But since that Heauen and you will haue it so,
I take the Crowne as meekly at your hands,
As free and pure from an ambitious thought,
As any new borne babe. Thus must thou *Richard,*
Seem as a Saint to men in outward shew, *aside.*
Being a very deuill in thy heart :

Thus must thou couer all thy villanies,
And keep them close from ouerlookers eyes.

Buc. My Soueraigne, by the generall consent
Of all the Lords and commons of the land,
I tender to your roiall Maiesty,
This princely Lady, the Lady *Anne* of Warwick,
Iudged the only worthiest of your loue,
To be your Highnesse Bride, fair Englands Queen.

Rich. My roiall princely Cousin *Buckingham,*
I see you strue to blesse me more and more,
Your bounty is so large and ample to me.
You overflow my spirits with your great loue,

King Edward the fourth.

I willingly accept this vertuous Princeſſe,
And crowne her Angell beautie with my loue.

Lo. Then as the hand of your high Parliament,
I giue her here vnto your Maieſty.

Ric. Lord *Louell*, I as heauily receiue her,
Welcome fair Queen.

Cat. And from the Lords and commons of your land,
I giue the free and voluntary oath,
Of their allegiance to your Maieſty,
As to their Soueraigne and Liege. Lord and Lady,
Richard the third, and beautious *Anne* his Queen,
The true and lawfull King and Queen of *England*.

Ric. I do accept it *Catesbie*, and returne
Exchange of mutuall and party loue.
Now *Fog* too, that in your traiterous libells,
Besides the counterfeiting of our hand and ſeale
For *Rufford*, though ſo great a fault deſeru'd
To ſuffer death, as he already hath,
Going about to ſlubber our renowne,
And wound vs with reproach and infamy,
Yet *Fog*, that thou thy ſelfe maiſt plainly ſee,
How far I am from ſeeking ſharp reuenge,
Fog, I forgiue thee, and withall we do
Repeale our heauy ſentence againſt *Shoares* wife,
Reſtoring all her goods: for we intend,
With all the world now to be perfect friends.

Cat. Why my good Lord, you know ſhe is dead already.

Ric. True *Catesbie*, elſe I had nere ſpoke ſuch words. *afide.*
Alas, I ſee our kindneſſe comes too late,
For *Catrsbie* tells me ſhe is dead already.

Cat. I my good Lord, ſo is her husband too.

Ric. Would they had liu'd to ſee our friendly change,
But *Catesbie*, ſay, where di'd *Shoare* and his wife?

Cat. Where *Aire* was hang'd for giuing her reliefe,
There both of them round circling his cold graue,
And arme in arme departed from this life:
The people, for the loue they beare to her
And her kind husband, pittying his wrongs,
For euer after meane to call the ditch,

The second part of

Shoares Ditch, and in the memory of them,
Their bodies in the *Fryers* minorites,
Are in one graue interred all together,
But mistris *Blague*, for her ingratitude
To mistris *Shpeare*, lies dead vnburied,
And no one will afford her buriall.

Rich. But mistris *Blague*, she shall haue buriall too,
What now? we must befriends, indeed we must.
And now my Lords, I giue you all to know,
In memory of our eternall loue,
I do ordaine an order of the Bath,
Twelue Knights in number of that roiall sort;
Which order with all Princely ceremonies,
Shall be obserued in all roiall pomp,
As *Edwards* our forefather, of the Garter.
Which feast, our selfe and our beloued Queen,
Will presently solemnize in our person.

Buc. Now am I bold to put your grace in mind
Of my long sure, and partly your owne promise,
The Earle of *Herefords* land.

Ric. Cousin, weel better think of that hereafter.

Buc. My paines my Lord, hath not deseru'd delay.

Ric. Will you appoint our time, then shall you stay,
For this hot hastineesse sir, you shall stay,
Moue vs no more you were best.

Buc. I *Richard*, is it come to this?
In my first suite of all dost thou deny me?
Break thine owne word, and turne me off so slightly?

Richard, thou hadst as good haue damn'd thy soule,
As basely thusto deale with *Buckingham*:

Richard, Ile sit vpon thy crumpled shoulder,

Ifaith I will, if heauen will giue me leaue,

And *Harry Richmond*, this hand alone,

Shall fetch thee home and seat thee in his Throne.

Exit.

Ric. What, is he gone in heat? why farewell he;
He is displeas'd, let him be pleas'd againe,
We haue no time to think on angry men:
Come my sweet Queen, let vs goe solemnize
Our Knighthoods order in most roiall wise.

Exeunt.

F I N I S.







